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## FRANCE'S IRON HAND IN THE RUHR.

### MINE PROPRIETORS ARRESTED.

### BANKS CLOSED AND COAL SEIZED.

### GERMAN STAFFS DEFY BAYONETS.

### SHOOTING INCIDENTS REPORTED.

A desperate "war of attrition" is the outcome of France's drastic measures in the Ruhr area.

Germany seems determined to frustrate the new sanctions by which France hopes to secure reparations and a series of moves and counter moves has led to a strained situation.

Herr Fritz Thyssen, Herr Tengelmann and four other mining managers, have been arrested and taken to Duesseldorf.

#### WAR OF ATTRITION.

##### PARTIAL STRIKE OF GERMAN RAILWAYMEN.

The opposing forces in what is described as the "war of attrition" in the Ruhr continue to develop attack and counter-attack, notably on the French side.

The action taken by the latter, says a Reuter message from Paris, included the arrest of five state mine managers at Recklinghausen and of Herr Schlutius, the seizure of the funds of different Reichsbank branches, and the seizure and diversion of coal in trucks in barges amounting to 60,000 tons.

It is also reported that it has been decided that the Belgians shall shortly take over a longer stretch of the occupation line, thus releasing the French for duty further south.

On the German side, it may be noted that the orders from Berlin to the railwaymen to refuse to work have resulted in a partial strike and general intensification of the campaign of obstruction.

The French have now immediately to face the prospect of feeding and paying the workers in the Ruhr.

#### FRANCE OPTIMISTIC.

As regards the question of wages the State funds seized at the branches of the Reichsbank may be ample to meet payments due, and with regard to food it is stated that the French are taking adequate measures to prevent anything like a famine, but no details on this question are available.

The French opinion is that as long as the workers continue to be fed and paid they will continue to work.

The crux of the matter is—will the population of the Ruhr continue to submit to the orders of the occupation authorities, or will Berlin succeed in converting passive hostility into active sabotage.

#### ARRESTED MINE OWNERS.

According to a message from Essen six mine owners, Herren Thyssen, Tengelmann, Wuestenhofer, Dahlburg, Kesten, and Olfe, appeared at French headquarters at Breiden, where they were informed that they were under arrest.

They were removed, says the Central News, under strong military guard to an unknown destination.

#### SHOT BY SENTRIES.

A telegram from Langendreef states that a male nurse named Kowalsky, while proceeding to his home was shot dead opposite the law courts there by a French sentry.

The incident is being investigated.

According to a message from Horst French sentries fired at some miners near the Horst railway bridge, but it has not yet been ascertained whether anyone was hit.

A workman who, it is alleged, had threatened a sentry was killed.—Reuter.

#### PETAINE'S MOVE.

An Exchange message from Paris says that Marshal Petain and General Buat, Chief of the Staff, are proceeding to the Ruhr to carry out an inspection.

Marshal Petain, who earned fame as the defender of Verdun with his watchword, "They shall not pass," is Commander-in-Chief-Designate of the French armies in time of war, and Inspector-General of the Army in time of peace.

#### CLOSED BANKS.

##### STAFF REFUSE TO WORK UNDER BAYONETS.

Essen, Saturday.  
The French troops who occupied Essen branch of the Reichsbank yesterday are still in possession. Private banks in Essen have therefore closed down, and have announced that they will remain closed as long as the Reichsbank is "blocked," on the ground that the Reichsbank is the foundation of banking transactions.

Business is thus rapidly coming to a complete standstill. The Reichsbank's doors remain open, but the staff have refused to work under French bayonets.

Interviewed, the director of the Essen branch of the Reichsbank declared that he had asked the French the reason of the blockade, but had received no answer. It was only stated that large sums must not leave the bank.

Provision has already been made for the weekly payment of the miners, who have now for the most part received their wages. This fact is most important as the Reichsbank is the only institution dealing with the large amounts for the workmen's wages, the payment of which removes one of the chief fears of the miners.—Reuter.

It is reported that the Director of Postal Services at Essen has been arrested and imprisoned for refusing to obey the orders of the French military authorities.

#### FOCH NOT GOING TO RUHR.

Paris, Saturday.—The report that Marshal Foch was going to the Ruhr, and that General Weygand would replace General Degoutte, is declared to be unfounded.—Reuter.

#### AGITATORS BUSY.

The Duesseldorf correspondent of the "Journal," quoted by Reuter, telegraphs that the German Nationalist agents are continuing their propaganda activities. In all the towns recently occupied some members of the Oldenburg Brigade are said to have appeared, and secret associations of students and young bourgeois are being formed. The movements of these agitators are being watched very closely by the French authorities.

#### COAL FROM WALES.

The Germans are placing orders for coal in South Wales.

The steamer Bergerson left Swansea on Friday with a large cargo of coal for Stettin. This is the first coal sent from Swansea to Germany since the war.

Several other cargoes are to follow. The steamer Hevelside also left Swansea with 6,000 tons of coal for New York.

#### MISSION VISIT DENIAL.

A report gained currency on Friday that a delegation was on its way from Germany to London in order to lay before the British Foreign Office the case of the Ruhr magnates.

This, however, is stated to be without foundation.

An official of the Foreign Office said emphatically:—We know nothing of the matter at all. The attitude of the British Government remains one of benevolent neutrality and aloofness and we shall not depart from that.

**STOP PRESS.**  
FOR LATEST NEWS  
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The Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes Lyon, photographed in London on Thursday.

### TWO CONFIDENCE TRICK VICTIMS.

#### FOUR MEN WANTED.

##### AMERICAN & 'HEIR' TO £40,000

An American visitor to London and a merchant have been the victims of confidence tricksters, who in each case succeeded in securing money by means of an old trick.

Two men went to Mr. Jacob Kurlander, of Titchfield-st., W., and offered to sell him a quantity of cloth. They produced samples and requested that payment should be made before the delivery of the goods. Mr. Kurlander handed the money over to one of the men, who pretended to seal it in an envelope.

He substituted another sealed envelope for it, which he handed to Mr. Kurlander, with the request that he should retain it until the cloth was delivered. The men then left the place, and have failed to return with the cloth, while the envelope when opened was found to contain a number of newspaper cuttings.

Two men are also wanted in connection with another confidence trick whereby they obtained 2,500 American dollar notes, a number of Liberty Bonds, 15 £1 Treasury notes, a gold watch, gold fountain pen, gold penknife, and two bank books from Mr. J. Dandruszatis, an American visitor staying at the Regent Palace Hotel. The men are aged about 30 and 40 years respectively.

The first man met Mr. Dandruszatis near Hyde Park, got into conversation with him, and took him to several places of interest, finally arranging to meet him at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

When near the Tate Gallery the second man appeared on the scene and dropped a Rosary, which the first man found and restored. The second man then gave him a note, and produced a newspaper, saying that he was inheriting £400,000.

He said that he desired to distribute some of his wealth to the poor, and the three men adjourned to a restaurant, where the victim was induced to hand over the property mentioned. Both of the men then left the place and failed to return. The stolen property is valued at about £600.

#### SIR DIGHTON PROBYN.

##### CELEBRATES HIS 90th BIRTHDAY TO-DAY.

General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., controller of Queen Alexandra's household, will spend his 90th birthday to-day in attendance on her Majesty at Sandringham.

For 51 years he has served the Royal Family, his first Court appointment being in 1872, when he became equerry to King Edward, then Prince of Wales.

His birthday is to be marked in the way which it was known would please him. The King has arranged that the annual Sandringham sermon on behalf of the Gordon Boys' Home shall be preached to-day.

Sir Dighton, who takes a close interest in the home, is an Indian Mutiny veteran.

#### BURIED BY FALLING EARTH.

While a gang of unemployed on out-relief work in connection with the Fulwood Poor Law Institution, Preston, were removing a hillock in Sharpe Green-lane, Fulwood, Thomas Bullock (48), married living in Fletcher-st., was promptly released and removed to the Royal Infirmary, Preston, with an injured spine. Other men escaped unhurt.

### LADY BETTY SMILES.

#### CHEERING CROWD'S "AU REVOIR."

##### Sandringham Bridal Conference.

Crowds of eager sightseers turned up at Liverpool Street Station yesterday morning to wish bon voyage to the Duke of York and his fiancée, who left for Sandringham, accompanied by the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, by the 11.50. The remarkable interest taken in the journey by the public was probably due to the fact—an open secret—that one of the purposes of the visit to Sandringham was to discuss general arrangements for the marriage, including the place of the wedding, the choice of bridesmaids, and the future home—the latter probably White Lodge, Richmond Park.

The platform, opposite the special saloon which had been attached to the train by the London and North Eastern Company for the convenience of the party was a solid mass of spectators, and the railway police had considerable difficulty in keeping clear a passage by the side of the train for their own officials and for other passengers. Loud cheers were raised when the Duke and his fiancée appeared and when they had taken their places in the saloon people turned on the platform vying for railway barrows and other points of vantage from which to get a better view. There was no moving the crowd until the train started out.

#### FAREWELL SMILES.

Lady Elizabeth smiled at the open window of the saloon smiling her acknowledgments to the parting cheers of the people, while the Duke of York, standing near to her, remained bareheaded as long as he was in sight of the spectators.

The party is expected to return from Sandringham on Monday morning.

Lady Elizabeth received her engagement ring from the Duke on Thursday, when he went to lunch with her at her home in Bruton-st.

The Duke and his fiancée mutually approved and chose the ring, comprising a sapphire between two diamonds in a platinum setting, from a selection sent to Sandringham Palace by Mr. Bert, a Court Jeweller.

When the ring had been chosen it was found that owing to the smallness of Lady Elizabeth's finger it did not fit, and a jeweller took it away to alter it.

In all probability the King and the Prince of Wales will be sponsors at the wedding of the Duke and Lady Elizabeth. There is no role exactly corresponding to that of "best man" at the marriage ceremony of one of the King's sons.

Other details and pictures in page 2.

#### "MISSING" WALLET.

Sir Basil Thompson's little suitcase, Newport News, Virginia, in a great hurry to catch a train, says a Central News message, and as he rushed out of the entrance hall informed the clerk that his wallet was missing, though none but himself had been in the room.

In a few minutes down came a maid to say that she had found the wallet underneath the pillow of the bed occupied by Sir Basil.

A porter set off post haste and was able to hand the pocket-book to the former Scotland Yard Chief as the train was steaming out.

### FOUR LIVES LOST IN THE MERSEY.

#### DOUBLE DISASTER.

##### TUG HITS OVERTURNED ELEVATOR

Four lives are believed to have been lost in a remarkable accident in the Mersey yesterday.

A coal elevator, Penrhyn, was passing from Brookbank Dock to the Canada Dock when a sudden gust of wind caused her to overbalance.

She sank in a few seconds. The tugboat Albert, which was near by, struck the submerged elevator, sustaining injury to her hold, which caused her also to sink immediately.

Exciting rescue scenes followed.

Five of seven men on the tug were rescued alive, but one died later in hospital.

Two others are missing and feared drowned.

Two men were aboard the elevator. One was saved and the other is reported drowned.

#### EGG-THROWING.

##### FIENDISH NEW PRANK IN THE STREETS.

A new terror of the streets has made his appearance in the egg-thrower. He must be added to the list of ink-squirters, hair-cutters, dress-rippers, and the like who carry out their pranks under the cover of darkness.

During the past week cases of egg-throwing have occurred in North London. In one of the cases the victims of this crazy humour were two women, strangers to each other, who were looking into a shop window. Suddenly one felt a sharp blow on the back. The missile proved to be an egg which, after hitting her, glanced on to the other woman, and two costumes were extensively damaged. It is thought that the egg was thrown from the other side of the road or from a passing vehicle.

#### TUNNEL TO PRISON.

##### 70FT. LONG "TUBE" FOUND AT MIDNIGHT.

The following communique was issued from Army Headquarters, Dublin, yesterday:—

Shortly after midnight troops discovered a tunnel in course of construction and leading from Glengarriff Parade, North Circular-road, to Mountjoy Prison.

On visiting the house, 30, Glengarriff Parade, the troops found four men in the basement dressed in mud-stained clothes. An inspection of the place revealed a tunnel about 70ft. long, stretching from a back room towards the prison boundary.

A small bogey, on wheels, utilised for removing earth, a quantity of planks and earth tools were found in the tunnel.

The following persons found on the premises were made prisoners by the troops: Michael Doyle, Arthur Ring, John Daly, Michael McCann, Thomas Carne, and Donald O'Donnell.

#### 24 HOURS RESCUE WORK.

##### RACE TO A FOUNDERING VESSEL.

The captain of the Italian steamer Giuseppe Verdi reports in New York the rescue of the crew of 27 belonging to the Italian freight steamer Montello, which foundered soon after the men were taken off, says the Central News.

The Giuseppe Verdi picked up a distress signal and raced all night to a spot 500 miles S.E. of Sable Island, where the vessel was foundering in a terrific gale.

Rescue work lasted 24 hours.

### JIMMY WILDE AND "THE PEOPLE."

#### NOTABLE SERIES OF ARTICLES.

##### Opens Next Week.

In our issue of next week will begin the first of a series of boxing articles written by Jimmy Wilde, the fly-weight champion of the world. Wilde needs no introduction to our readers. It is safe to say that in all walks of life his name has become a household word.

In the boxing ring he is a law unto himself, and old

stagers have marvelled at the way in which the "Terror of Tylorstown" has climbed to success without any guidance from the established science of the ring as expounded in instruction books on boxing.

In the past we have seen some wonderful little men as George

ixon, Pedlar Palmer, Nunc Wallace, and the like, but Wilde is the best seen in action during the past 30 years by the Weight has been given away by the midgets of the ring, but what other "fly" has conceded weight like Jimmy? And not to "easy" marks, but to champions time and again!

Wilde's style of boxing has been described as "unorthodox," but it gets there all the same.

Although he has not fought in a contest for some months, it must not be taken for granted that Jimmy has finished with the game.

There is talk of a contest with Pancho Villa, the Filipino, who holds the fly-weight championship of America.

The settlement of that match will no doubt be dealt with by Wilde in the columns of "The People."

Jimmy Wilde's articles will interest everyone.

Tell your friends of the new series.

#### BUILDING CRISIS.

##### EMPLOYERS' DEMANDS TURNED DOWN BY MEN.

A serious crisis has arisen in the building trade as the result of the men's unions' refusal to accept the demands of the master builders.

The men's executives have agreed to form a National Disputes Committee representative of each of the affiliated unions to co-operate with the Central Committee in order to co-ordinate all the activities of the respective organisations.

The men's representatives, who attended a conference on Friday, declared that for the first time in the history of the building industry a unanimous national feeling was expressed to resist the employers' demands no matter what the consequences might be.

#### BITTEN BY CAT.

##### DOCTOR AND WOMAN UNDER TREATMENT.

An extraordinary occurrence is reported from Newcastle, County Down, where a doctor and a woman were bitten by a feral domestic cat.

They have been sent to the Pasteur Institute for treatment.

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## MUSIC, PLAYS AND PICTURES



Miss June wearing the "Robin Hood" hat.



Sophie Forrest and Bay Russell in a scene from "The Merchant of Venice".



Mr. Robert Atkins in a scene from "The Merchant of Venice".



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FAMOUS FILM STAR'S TRAGIC END.  
DRUGS AND DRINK.  
MYSTERY OF PRETTY DANCER.

Wallace Reid, the well-known film actor, has died, state messages from Los Angeles, following a breakdown from the effects of opium.

There was some hope of his recovery, but a long addiction to dope and drink made such a wreck of him that the doctors were unable to save his life. He had been in a sanatorium at Hollywood for a month, and his wife and children were with him at the end.

Reid, who was born in St. Louis (Missouri), was 32. He made his first appearance on the stage as a child of five in "Slaves of Gold," and later played children's parts in his father's plays. He turned his attention to the cinema, and, joining the Vitaphone Company, attained a high position under D. W. Griffith. He played in "The Birth of a Nation" and with the Famous Players.

Mrs. Reid, formerly the film star Dorothy Davenport, said recently, though she knew her husband was desperately ill, she was convinced that he would pull through. He suddenly realised the danger of drugging, and "cut it right out."

## DANCER'S DEATH.

BODY ON BEACH: FILM STAR ARRESTED.

A well-known cinema actor, who is also an assistant film director, has been arrested (says Reuter) at the request of the San Diego police in connection with the death of Fritzie Mann, a pretty dancer, whose body was found on the beach on Monday.

The police were unable to accept the theory of suicide. They found the dancer's vanity bag satchel and other belongings above the high tide line, where they suspect they had been thrown from a motor-car.

They have also traced a number of persons to whom Miss Mann is alleged to have stated that she was married to a cinema actor in Hollywood, but a search of the marriage records of Southern California have so far failed to disclose any trace of the marriage licence.

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## "PLUS FOURS."

## MISS PEGGY O'NEIL'S SUCCESS AS A BOY.

Miss Peggy O'Neil, the American actress, made a whole host of friends in this country by her performance in "Paddy the Next Best Thing." She is now delighting her admirers in "Plus Fours," with a masquerade in man's attire at the Haymarket.

As Josephine Nuttall, a wide awake American girl, she impersonates an invalid brother, as the new secretary to Mark Maturin, a celebrated novelist.

Mr. H. A. Vachell and Mr. Harold Simpson decree that Mark Maturin should not penetrate an obvious disguise which is all very improbable, for Miss O'Neil is very palpably a girl dressed in masculine attire, and scarcely looks capable of advising the novelist as to his work.

The piece, however, gives Miss O'Neil another opportunity for a successful and characteristic impersonation. That she appeals to a large audience was more than evident at the Haymarket, but we find it difficult to enjoy her acting.

Mr. Aubrey Smith as the novelist acted with his usual distinction, and Miss Athene Seyler as a designing widow gave a clever cameo study of character. Mr. John Deverill as the novelist's soldier nephew was a delight, and Miss Clare Greet figured as a landlady with success.

We remember with pleasure the Cook of Miss Una O'Connor. She was only on the stage for a few minutes, but she made an impression by the simplicity of her acting and her soft Irish brogue.

It was, however, Miss O'Neil's evening, for she held her audience, and her success from the playgoer's point of view was well deserved.

"Plus Fours" will undoubtedly be a great draw at the Haymarket.

THE "TERRY" CHARM.  
CLEVER ACTING IN "A ROOF AND FOUR WALLS."

In "A Roof and Four Walls" which brings Miss Phyllis Neilson-Terry back to the Apollo, Mr. Temple Thurston uses his title to emphasise that a house alone cannot make a home.

He expounds his theory through the medium of Peter and Phyllis Stenning, a young married couple, to whom success does not bring happiness.

The manner of Mr. Thurston's expounding his all those pleasant qualities which distinguish his novels, but which, unfortunately, do not make a great play.

Peter Stenning is an unsuccessful composer, who writes songs above the head of the ordinary vocalist. His wife, a daughter of a stockbroker whose family did not claim to be musical but "sang in their bath," develops a wonderful voice.

By the second act he is earning large sums of money, and the cottage at Chalfont has given place to a splendid establishment in London.

Then the two come to grips over a philandering peer with an evil reputation, who pays Phyllis more than ordinary attention. Peter declares he will not have him in the house, but as it is Phyllis's money which pays for the latter, she asserts her right to choose her friends and to run her establishment as she thinks fit.

So Peter flounces off to the country to eat his heart out. Phyllis puts on a brave face, encourages my lord, but is not happy. But she sees his lordship once too often for he suddenly drops his suave, polite manner and reveals himself as Peter foretold he would.

Luckily Peter returned in time to show the philanderer the door, and a happy ending followed.

Mr. Thurston, we feel, does not solve his problem, nor does he make it clear whether Phyllis will give up her singing and trust to Peter finding the where-withal of existence, or whether the two will come to a happy compromise.

There was not a little that was improbable in the play, but it was made almost convincing by the delightful acting of Miss Phyllis Neilson-Terry, who, as I have looked more beautiful or made us feel the Terry charm with such insistence, she also sang with effect three delightful songs which Mr. Norman O'Neill has written for the play.

Mr. Nicholas Hansen acted well as Peter, and Mr. O. B. Clarence and Mr. H. R. Heggett contributed clever little studies of character. Mr. Allan Jayes gave a brilliant performance as Lord Quibampton. He handled difficult scenes with a quiet assurance, and spoke the author's epigrammatic witty lines with delicate point.

The piece was well received, and Miss Neilson-Terry had a well-deserved reception.

## "MERCHANT OF VENICE" REVIVAL.

## MR. ROBERT ATKINS' SUCCESS AS SHYLOCK.

Mr. Robert Atkins is to be congratulated on an interesting revival of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Old Vic. It gives the play without cuts, thus including the last scene in Portia's moonlit garden, so often omitted.

In addition to the work of producer, Mr. Atkins essays the role of Shylock for the first time, and gives an interesting and original performance.

It was good to get away from the highly coloured, emotional impersonations of the Jew, and to find an actor content to play him in a quiet key. There was dignity in all Mr. Atkins did.

Apart from Mr. Atkins' performance, we liked the Antonio of Mr. Reyner Barton, whose splendid elocution and picturesque appearance did much towards making Antonio a figure of greater interest than usual. Miss Florence Buckton as Portia was at her best in the trial scene. Mr. Rupert Harvey's Bassanio is not his happiest effort. He missed the romance of the character, and his casket scene was prosaic rather than romantic.

## GREENROOM CHATTER.

Poor "Arlequin." "Arlequin" finished his artistic but rather brief run last night at the Empire. There is no doubt that the play would have enjoyed a longer existence if the book had been strengthened and a little more humour infused therein.

"The Young Idea." On Friday, Feb. 2, "The Young Idea" will be produced at the Royalty Theatre on Feb. 7. The play has been adapted from the French of Louis Verneuil by Mr. Seymour Hicks, who will play one of the leading male characters, the other being impersonated by Mr. Dennis Fawcett.

The Finish of "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure." Mr. Thomas C. Dagnall's version of the Savoy Theatre having expired, the run of "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure" finishes on Saturday next. It has been played nearly 600 times, and not once has Sir Charles Hawtrey failed to carry out his "adventure."

"The Young Idea." On Friday, Feb. 2, Mr. Robert Courtney takes over the lease of the Savoy Theatre for 12 years. His first play to be produced there will be "The Young Idea," a comedy by Noel Coward. The play has already had a run of six weeks in the provinces, and is now in the East. Kate Cutler, Marcel Popp, Leslie Hunt, and Herbert Marshall.

A New Saladin at Drury Lane. Mr. Cowley Wright, who has played Prince Saladin for 315 times in "Decameron Nights" at Drury Lane Theatre, is successfully appearing upon for appearances on Monday last. He has been succeeded in his part at Drury Lane by Mr. Owen Rotherwood, who has just returned from a world tour after making many successes in the principal characters of "The Man from Toronto," "The Fatal Hour," "The Garden of Allah," and also as Ambrose Applejohn.

Sir Martin Harvey's New Play for London. Sir John Martin Harvey has been fortunate enough to secure the Garrick Theatre, where he will produce on Monday, Feb. 5, "A Christmas Carol," founded on the old morality "Everyman," by Hugo von Hofmannsthal, and rendered into English by Sybil Anstey and Christopher Home, the latter being the stage name of Mr. Charles E. Wheeler, the well-known Wimpole-st. dramatist. Sir John will play Everyman, Mr. Michael Mackenzie The Devil, and Lady Martin Harvey Good Deeds.

New Scene Effects. I understand that a leading West End theatre is about to take up a scheme of scenic electric lighting which will possibly revolutionise stage effects. The experimental results have already exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the originators of the new system.

No less than seven or eight complete changes in coloured lighting in one scene can be made. A complete novelty in the new idea is that the lights in front of the house can be adjusted to synchronise with those on the stage, with the result that a most harmonious and pleasing effect is attained.

## ACTOR'S DEATH AFTER OPERATION

Mr. F. Cowley Wright, who had been playing lead in "Decameron Nights" at Drury Lane since the play started, has died at a nursing home at Chiswick. Mr. Cowley Wright was only 31, and appeared as Prince Saladin only a week ago. He was taken ill and underwent an operation, which proved fatal.

A famous actress of bygone days, Kate Santley (née), has died at Hove after a short illness. Widow of Colonel Lockhart Kennedy, Kate Santley was almost unknown to the present generation. Fifty years ago, however, she was one of the leading figures of the stage.



Mrs. M.P. in a scene from "The Young Idea".

## VARIETY JOTTINGS.

"Auntie's" Coffee.—I understand that the scheme for the next Drury Lane production is well forward, and the visit together of Arthur Collins and Herman Finck to the Continent will be productive of some great scenic effects. The genial Finck has become quite a "wag" lately. But he has always had an inclination that way in the old days of the Palace, when, during the slack time of his orchestra, he would join us in "Auntie's" bar and indulge in some bright repartee with us Pressmen.

Bransby Williams as "Smallwood."—Another interesting turn in the programme was Mr. Bransby Williams. He gave a humorous impression of Micawber, but quite excelled himself in a striking impersonation of Smallwood from "Black House." It was quite equal to his fine delineation of Peggy in "David Copperfield," and Fagin. He seems to excel in his rendering of old men from the pages of Charles Dickens. Business continues to be good at this popular house.

Mr. and Mrs. M.P. at the Alhambra. Stanley Logan's new sketch, "Mr. and Mrs. M.P.," was one of the principal attractions of last week's Alhambra bill. It shows a wife as a bustling lady M.P. and afterwards as a married lady in most romantic and blissful surroundings. The notion of the playlet was not too original, but the graceful performance of Miss Mabel Green in the latter half did much to raise it above the ordinary level. Mr. Logan also gave an excellent study of the middle-aged beau of elegant and courtly manners.

The Resourceful "Rella."—The Peep Show" revue has been a great attraction at the Finsbury Park Empire. Jennie Hartley proves herself an artist of real merit and great versatility. "Rella" supplies the comedy, and is never at a loss for a merry gag or a laughter-raising action. His resources are illimitable, and he is undoubtedly one of the foremost comedians of the present time, and it is rather a pity we do not see more of him in the West End, which is his proper sphere.

Her Famous Coffee.—"Auntie" was renowned for her brewing of coffee, and was just proud of the fact, but she received a cold blow once in my presence. The late J. J. Graydon of this "Mo" (name) and a director of the Palace happened to be in her bar when a boy in uniform was summoned by her and asked to explain the non-arrival of the particular brand of coffee which "Auntie" favoured. Graydon at once picked up his ears. "What's that I hear," he asked. "Do you use an expensive coffee like that?" "Yes," said Auntie. "Then in future you'll buy a bottle of Bloomer's Essence. It's cheap, will go further, and no one will ever know the difference." I don't think "Auntie" ever felt the same after these instructions; whether she followed them is quite another matter.

## A Welcome Veteran of Variety.—I am

pleased to hear that T. W. Barrett, otherwise known to his friends as "Tommy," will be seen in the old-fashioned music-hall scene which will be shown at the Palladium this week. He was the first original, imitable comedian to appear on the stage, and his style has been copied by many. One of his most popular choruses ran as follows:

I'm going to be married to-day,  
It makes me feel so jolly,  
I'm going to be married to-day,  
I'm going to be married to-day,  
I'm going to be married to-day,  
I'm going to be married to-day,  
I'm going to be married to-day,  
I'm going to be married to-day.

The last time I met Tommy was just before the war. He was fishing off Southend Pier, and he was lamenting the loss of his empty crates after some six hours' waiting.

## CONCERT NOTES.

Mr. William Raley, the well-known bass-singer, a pupil of the late Sir Charles Santley, will appear tonight at the Sunday League concert at the Alhambra. He will sing "Captain Danny," by Raymond Loughborough, and other songs.

Victor Olaf, the Anglo-Swedish violinist, made a big success at his first concert in Vienna, which took place a few days ago, being recalled twelve times. The Swedish Ambassador and a party from the British Legation were present.

Mr. Arnold has recently completed a new quartette for pianoforte and strings, which will be played for the first time in public by the Mervill Pianoforte Quartette at their recital in the Eolian Hall on Friday, Feb. 9.

Royal Philharmonic Society's concert in Queen's Hall on Thursday next. Mr. Hindle's concert, "Sonata," will be performed for the first time, with Miss Marcia Van der Stig, the soloist of the works of Beethoven, Brahms, and Elgar items are also in the programme, and Mr. Raphael is the pianist.

Miss Dorothy Silk, Mr. Adrian Boulton, and other eminent performers will take part in the last concert by the Guild of Singers and Players at Wigmore Hall on Jan. 27. This (Sunday) afternoon the London Women's Symphony Orchestra is giving a concert in the Lyceum Club, Piccadilly.

A varied and interesting programme has been arranged, and tea will be served, free of charge, to the audience.

It is interesting to learn that the revival of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society is projected. The organisation did good work during its past career, and the late Duke of Edinburgh used to lead the orchestra. His Royal Highness being an accomplished violinist.

Owing to pressure of work, Sir Landon Ronald has been obliged to resign the conductorship of the Scottish Orchestra, much to the regret of music lovers in the land.

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# LONDON CLOSE-UPS.

## THE CASE OF MRS. WIGGINS.

By THOMAS BURKE. *Author of "Limehouse Nights," "London Nights," & "Twinkletons."*

THE little woman slid out of bed at seven o'clock, and stuck clothes on herself in a slapdash way. She dabbed her face with a flannel, and dabbed and twisted her hair into a sort of "dressing." On it she stuck a battered hat.

The woman from downstairs, half-dressed, brought her a cup of tea and a slice of bread-and-butter. She munched and sipped with nervous movements of the mouth, as one for whom time does not wait.

She was then ready for work; and ten minutes after sliding out of bed, she was in East-st., Walworth. She plodded up Walworth-rd., to the Elephant and Castle, to save a penny, and the keen morning air kept her sleeve at work upon her nose. She went with quick short steps. She had the sharp features of the hunted, and the keen eye of the hunter, always on the look-out for a bit of luck.

At certain corners, at certain given minutes, she passed or overtook others going to work. With these faces many years of daily encounter had made her familiar. She did not know their names, nor they hers, but if she missed one face from the morning procession she would wonder at and seek causes for the absence. "Caught a cold, I dessay, that boss-eyed one. Lot o' colds about." "E never did look strong." With some she would exchange a nod, and pass the time of day, in the casual mateyness of the seven o'clock brigade; and if she saw a familiar figure turning a corner ere she reached it, she would know that she was late and would plod more briskly.

She lived her day in the basement of a tea-shop, in a whirlwind of dirty dishes, through which she perceived, dimly, glimpses of other and brighter worlds. It was a life of clutter and slop; a kaleidoscope of work that came back and back to be done and done again; greasy dishes, sticky dishes, crumby plates, wet cups ran round and round her unceasingly until closing time; and only from the gossip of the young waitresses did she hear of theatres and dances and chocolates, colour and song.

It conveyed little more to her than the reports of divorce cases in the newspapers. It was so remote that she had never even desired to discover its mysteries, or stopped to envy those who were free of it. She had her own ideas of luxury—already too far beyond her reach—a hot-water bottle in bed; a fire every morning to dress by; a gossip and a glass of something hot in "The Fountain" every evening; riding all the way home on wet nights instead of walking; the pictures twice a week and hot suppers afterwards at the fish bar.

It was this bright panorama that kept her eyes open for the bit of luck that never came; that kept her plodding. Some day she might achieve it—that husband of hers might come home, well set up in the world, and ask her to take him back. You never knew.

So she washed greasy dishes and sticky dishes, and wet cups, and rowed with the other women in the kitchen, and was sprightly with the waitresses and flirtatious with the door-boy and window-cleaner; and said the same things to each of them six days a week, each time with the air of saying something profound and novel. And they laughed the same laugh, and made bright repartee which she received with the same chortle, while the dishes clattered and the speaking-tube whistled, and the lift rattled, and orders buzzed about her ears.

Each afternoon, at the same hour, she made the same remark: "I shall never get done to-day." But she did. She was a good worker, and at closing-time her job was always done.

At half-past seven she would look round and say: "Now we've left anything, 'ave we?" And as nobody ever answered her question, she would go home down Cannon-st. and Ludgate Hill, and over Blackfriars Bridge.

HER foot kicked the purse in the gutter as she stepped off the kerb by the Mansion House station. She stopped and picked it up, looked at it, felt it, and said "Oh!" She looked round swiftly; nobody about who could have dropped it. A bus was disappearing towards Ludgate Hill, with three or four passengers clinging to its footboard. One of them, perhaps; but she couldn't run to catch it up.

She stood for many moments gripping it; then turned aside into one of the narrow courts. Might as well have a look and see what it is. Under a lamp she opened it, and gasped. Her fingers went to work, raking and counting. It was a man's leather purse. It held eight one-pound notes, a ten-shilling note, and six—no, seven shillings and one-two-three-four-pence.

Here began the little woman's first struggle with those powers which we call moral values. It came upon her slowly. In the moment of the discovery, such a vast sum did not tempt her. Had it been fourpence. . . . But with this fortune in her hand her first thought was to get rid of it.

What did one do? Take it to the police, didn't you, and they'd advise it, and return it to the owner. But—and as she looked at the little brown case in her hand, it suddenly expanded into a year's golden nights; of fires, hot-water bottles, hot suppers, treats. What a lot of good one might do with as much money as that.

There was Mrs. Worples' Johnny, who was very sick. Why a little bit of that would give him a week at Southend. There was that young couple on the upstairs floor, who'd got a chance of work at Chatham, and couldn't go because they couldn't scrape up the railway fare. There was Mrs. Grummant, who was expecting, and wasn't getting proper food. After all, a man who carried money like that, in a purse like that, was a man who'd got plenty. Eight pounds to him was probably like tuppence to ordinary people.

She found herself having a good look round. People were hurrying along the pavements or fighting at the buses; no policeman was in sight; nobody seemed to have noticed her.

She squeezed it and fingered it, and hesitated. She took out the four coppers, and saw in them a 'bus ride all the way home. That 'bus-ride seemed symbolical of a triumphal approach. Imagine what it'd be if she was to march in to that young couple, and say, "Look 'ere, ducky, I've 'ad a bit of luck. 'Ere's yer fares to Chatham, and you can pay me when yeh can."

Supposing she was able to go in to Mrs. Worples, and say, "Look 'ere, Missis Worples, that Johnny o' yours wants fresh air, an' I'm a-going to see that 'e 'as it. 'Ere's thirty shillings."

That's what she'd say; and she could picture Mrs. Worples' face, and picture herself, the giver of alms, the harbinger of succour, receiving ecstasies of gratitude, and dismissing them with "Don't thank me, my dear. It's just a bit o' luck I 'ad. A double what the door-boy put me on to, an' it came 'ome."

She would be magnificent in bounty. They would call her blessed. She would be a figure of colour and adventure in their lives. And the evening would be crowned with a hot-water bottle in bed.

THEN she was pulled up sharp by a stab in the breast. It isn't yours, Thief! You know it isn't yours, Thief!

Her clutch on the purse loosened. She didn't like the feel of it. Thief was written on the pavement before her. Thief was written on the dark sky, in the vague white lettering of aeroplane smoke. The word Prison appeared too.

How could they find out? Nobody saw you.

Doesn't matter. You're a thief.

But the chap it belonged to would never miss it. It'd do more good down 'ome than in 'is pocket.

Never mind. It doesn't belong to you. Give it up.

Yes, perhaps that was the right thing. Though when you thought of

all the good you could do with it, and there was no chance of being caught. . . . It wasn't as though you was going to do harm with it. But the argument continued.

You're stealing. You're a good hard-working woman, respected by everybody, even by your employers, who consider you worth every bit of your eighteen shillings a week. You're fifty-one, and you've never yet done a wrong thing in your life. Nobody can say a word against your character. You've lived by your own hard work, and paid as you went, every week, without a penny from Charity. And now you're stealing. Stealing.

Expediency took up the tale. But supposing I give it up—ow do I know that it'll go where it belongs? There's all sorts in the police—some good and some bad. S'pose it got into the hands of one of the bad 'uns. Much better to make sure that some good's done with it. When there's young Johnnie and poor Mrs. Grummant, and all.

But through all her argument her pulses answered her, and registered Thief! Thief!! Thief!!!

So she stood, in an agony of doubt, sometimes tempted to drop the purse at her feet in the gutter; sometimes wiping away all doubt, and preparing to take a bus; until she became a torment of nerves.

It was then that, providentially, perhaps, the chorus of a hymn that she had heard the Salvation Army bawling last Sunday came into her mind. Why, she didn't know; but the words came back clearly: "Take it to the Lord in prayer!"

She did. Clutching the purse in the pocket of her old jacket, she plodded around St. Paul's Churchyard, and went into the Cathedral to resolve her doubts.

But inside that vast vault of lilac light and peace, she became suddenly calm. The spirit of tranquillity possessed her. She walked about on hushed feet, looking at the windows and the monuments and the pillars. Something in the atmosphere seemed to purge and soothe her and strengthen her. The trivialities of the day slipped from her, and the high spaces ended her as with a benediction. It was as blissful as a hot bath.

And when she came out she felt so good that she went to the nearest bar and bought herself a large port and two sandwiches. That evening a good fairy descended from the bus at the corner of East-st.; and there were long and deep rejoicings.

## WILL THE TOP HAT COME INTO ITS OWN AGAIN?

The top hat is coming into its own again. I know this is a fact because Mr. J. J. Hall, general secretary of the Journeymen Hatters' Fair Trade Union, has told us so. He has boasted that he has had his silk hat 30 years. I honour him for this, for I held tight on to mine—although at the finish it fitted rather loose on my head—for nearly the same time, till the lady commander-in-chief "ragged" it at the door some time ago. That silk hat commanded universal respect wherever it journeyed, and has passed me in everywhere from a coroner's inquest on prehistoric human remains to a stall at Drury Lane. The last time it received its due toll of homage was during the early years of the war, when an Australian trooper of some six feet in height—he looked to me to nearly reach eight—came up to me in the Strand and insisted on shaking hands with me. He then told me that his grandfather, for whom he entertained a mighty affection, always wore a silk hat, and from what I could gather the old boy insisted on wearing his crown of glory both day and night, and eventually died in bed with it firmly fixed on his ancient cranium. The outcome of it was that the Australian, whose head nearly reached the "sky-boarders," asked me to change a cheque for a "fiver" on a Melbourne bank. I did not negotiate it, as the bank seemed such a long distance away.

IRISH HEADGEAR. The finest collection of variegated "totes" I have ever seen was at a funeral a few years ago in Cork. First there came a fearful Noah's Ark sort of hearse buried in enormous black plumes, then about eight mourning coaches stuffed with well-fed, jolly looking priests, then followed some four hundred mourners "in ordinary," each wearing a top hat

and carrying an umbrella to protect it from the vagaries of the weather. Each of those top hats was a distinct creation. Heaven alone knows what was their age. Some must have gone some way back, perhaps even to the Battle of the Boyne; others modernised a bit as they reached the date of the battle of Vinegar Hill; but none of them went much further back than the period of Grattan's Irish Parliament. I wish Mr. Hall had been with me. I am sure he would have raised up his voice in a hymn there and then in praise of the Irishman's love for a "silk bonnet."

Talking of hymns reminds me of songs, and one of the most popular of them in connection with top-hats was the inquiring chorus:

Where did you get that hat?  
Where did you get that hat?  
I don't like it and I don't like the style  
I don't like it and I don't like the style  
Where did you get that hat?  
Where did you get that hat?

You rarely lose a silk hat, not even in a hairdresser's, for it does not suit everybody's style of beauty. I once missed mine when on a visit to some personal friends. At the conclusion I was anxiously looking round for it. A lady of some eighteen stone inquired: "What are you looking for, Chris?" I said: "My silk hat." "That's strange," she remarked, "for they are not easy to lose, only when you're out in a gale." But it was easy to lose, for the lady was sitting on it. The hat recovered, and in time stood bolt upright—that's the marvellous quality of a silk hat. Anyway, I stand shoulder to shoulder with Mr. Hall, and hold with him that true democracy will never be attained till we all from the sewerman to the Grand Mogul wear a silk hat.

## THE LAST JOURNEY OF FANNIE.

### FLOWER GIRLS' TOUCHING TRIBUTE.

### PURPLE SHAWLS AND BLOSSOMS.

The mournful but consoling notes of Chopin's Funeral March, with its undercurrent deep solemn roll of drums, played by Mr. Pennington-Bickford's brass band, accompanied by a peal of muffled bells from the steeple of St. Clement Danes, rose on the air of the Strand on Wednesday last. Many a business man had his mind lifted for a time from his everyday affairs as he listened to the unfamiliar but awe-inspiring strains. Then, for a moment, he remembered that they were a tribute to the passing of Fannie Collins, the flower-seller of Ludgate Hill, whose cheery smile for 30 years had gone towards making a brighter London.

Fannie was a firm friend of Mr. Pennington-Bickford, and was ever grateful to his wife and himself for a past good turn rendered by them to her in a time of trouble some years ago, and in return always gave a gift to the church of a box of oranges and lemons when Mr. Bickford celebrated his yearly festival in commemoration of the immortal nursery rhyme of "Oranges and Lemons."

It was fitting, therefore, that the interior of the church was tastefully decorated on this occasion with these fruits and trailing blossoms, together with a profusion of tulips and narcissi. At the foot of the altar her many friends had laid her wicker basket, full of golden blossoms, which Fannie had carried so many years to Covent Garden to fill with her beautiful wares.

Flower girls wearing little purple shawls as a tribute to her memory formed her guard of honour. The funeral service was of a most touching nature and her epitaph was simple but yet with a fine ring about it: "A Flower Girl—one of the noblest and most beautiful characters a woman could be."

Written on the funeral booklets which were given in church was the following by Mrs. Pennington-Bickford:—

A daughter of the people, noble, strong,  
Who fought life's battle with a smile, a song;  
A friend who never failed nor trust betrayed.

At the conclusion of the service the coffin was borne from the church, bearing on it a great cross formed of gorgeous blossoms, and the procession then passed along Fleet-st., headed by the white-supplid choir and the clergy with uplifted cross, and many an eye was moist as they listened to the pathetic strains of the music and gazed upon the black-plumed hearse till it disappeared in the distance of the foggy mists carrying the mortal remains of the once cheery soul who had journeyed to the Great Beyond.

## MR. A. HENDERSON, M.P.

### CHIEF LABOUR WHIP'S WIN AT NEWCASTLE.

The result of the Newcastle East by-election was declared as follows:  
Arthur Henderson (Lab.) ..... 11,068  
H. Barnes (Lib.) ..... 6,882  
Capt. R. Gee, V.C. (Cons.) ..... 6,490

Major ..... 4,384  
No change.

The election was caused by the death of Mr. J. N. Bell, Labour. The electorate numbered 31,800, women 12,655. The figures at the General Election were:—  
J. N. Bell (Lab.) ..... 10,084  
Major H. Barnes (Lib.) ..... 6,909  
G. Stone (Nat. Lib.) ..... 6,273

Mr. Henderson is the Chief Labour Whip and was defeated at Widnes in the General Election.

## WORKERS' SEARCHLIGHT.

By ANDREW BUCHANAN, J.P.

### Agricultural Employment.

The number of persons employed in agriculture for 100 acres in the United Kingdom is 4, in Denmark 7, in France 10, in Belgium 16, and in Germany 18. The explanation as to Germany's position is that she developed sugar-beet growing and sugar production, and also had agricultural protection and cheap transport through utilisation of her waterways. We also could develop sugar-beet and sugar production, and also make use of our neglected waterways. Why don't we?

### Wages and Cost of Living.

I have just read a most interesting article in the October "Labour Gazette" on changes in rates of wages in 1914, 1920, and September, 1922. The article lays down the proposition that before wages began to decline the increase on pre-war rates in 1920 was from 170 to 180 per cent. and that the reduction up to September last was equivalent to 35 per cent. In 1920 the cost of living was 169 points above 1914 and in September last 79 points above, which is equivalent to a fall of 34 per cent. Without prejudice to trade unionist scales of remuneration it must be acknowledged that if wages are reduced concurrently with a similar reduction in the cost of living no harm is done.

### Socialist Football!

Socialists are nothing if not original. The latest idea from the North is that Socialists should form their own football clubs. There are great possibilities in this direction. They could form quite a respectable league. The Labour United, the Communist Rangers, the I.L.P. Rangers, the S.D.F. Athletic and so forth. The trouble would be at the matches: they would all want to wear red shirts, and if the majority of spectators were Socialists they might nationalise their opponent's best players. Fancy the Socialist F.C. in the English Cup Final!

### Look Out for Them!

The Russian Communists are said to be sending thousands of cases of matches to this country. Each box is said to contain a Communist motto. Well, let me know if you find one. I haven't found any yet—perhaps they have been sent to Glasgow.

### Those Terrible Rates.

Mr. Leonard Munns, Secretary of Cammell and Co., makes the startling statement that the increase in Sheffield's rates which on a ton of steel tyres were 3s. 11d. in 1914 are no less than £2 8s. 11d. to-day. The Guardians were 6d. per ton in 1914 and 1s. 11d. to-day. With national taxation and these rates you can see what we are up against.

### What to Read!

The complaint is made by many working-class readers that the price of books by authorities on economics, etc., is prohibitive. I quite agree. I should advise everyone interested to approach their librarian at their local public library. In the meantime I recommend Edmund Dane's book on "The Common Sense of

Economics"; "Industrial Ideals," by Victor Gollancz; "Money and Money's Worth," by F. Y. Walters. Also, readers should study Colonel McLaren's article in the December "Fortnightly Review" on unemployment. A very interesting further article by the same writer on "Insurance by Industry" will, I hear, shortly appear in the same Review. The latter deals with the matter most exhaustively.

### Mr. Sidney Webb, M.P.

It is said Mr. S. Webb is the brain of the Labour Movement. I have just read a speech he made at Walsall. He said "he did not want to get rid of the capitalist owner to set up the workers in his place. He wanted to substitute the community for the capitalists. They wanted to replace the autocracy of the employer by the control of the citizens." What new doctrine is this? What with dropping State Socialism, Workers' Control of Industry, and now Citizens' Control, we really don't know what the Socialists are after. Do they know themselves?

### Canada's Leakage!

The Canadian census of 1911 showed a population of 7,206,143, and in 1921 8,788,483. The excess of births and the amount of immigration should have meant a population of over 10 millions. What is the explanation of the leakage? As was pointed out in this column, Canada wants agriculturists and we can't afford to lose ours, and the Scotch crofters who form the backbone of Canadian agriculture are now so meagre in numbers that Canada can't recruit from that quarter. Call the Conference at once.

### Family Wages.

Germany is setting the example to other countries by making "family responsibility" the basis for wages. The married man gets higher wages than the bachelor. We try to get over the inequality in this country by taxation, but I think Germany's plan is better.

### The Polar Regions.

Huge coal deposits have been found in the polar regions. We could do with the coal if it is less than 44s. a ton. I wonder what the pit-head price is?

### Poor Old Scotland!

A facetious correspondent sends me a p.c. in which he asks me: "Have you heard of the Scotchman who walked eight miles to see a football match and when he arrived found the wall was too high?" My friend, it is not "Scotchman," it is "Scotoman." Secondly, a Scotoman does not consider English football is worth paying to see. That's a nasty one.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. HUGHES (Glasgow). Thanks for raising the question. Lord Milner's article, "The Unemployment Question," in this month's "Industrial Review," is a good one. Apply to clerk of local labour exchange for a copy. I have also written a book, "The Unemployment Question," which is a good one. Apply to clerk of local labour exchange for a copy. I have also written a book, "The Unemployment Question," which is a good one. Apply to clerk of local labour exchange for a copy.

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# THE BETROTHAL OF THE DUKE OF YORK.



THE betrothal is announced of the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore. Our pictures show the betrothed couple as they are to-day and as they appeared in their childhood's days. They are also seen together leaving the town house of Lady Bowes-Lyon.

MUCH has been written of the fondness of the future Duchess of York for outdoor sports, and some enthusiasts have written as though this exhausted the catalogue of interests of Lady Elizabeth.

Yet those who know her intimately are well aware that she has other and wider interests, interests that will fit her for the important role she will play in the life of this country in the immediate future as the partner of a Prince who has already given promise of zeal in the public service.

Industrial welfare is one of the questions that interest the Duke, and he has gone out of his way to study the subject, displaying an interest in and knowledge of plans for humanising the relations between employer and employed that has impressed the representatives of both capital and labour with whom he has come in contact.

Something of his enthusiasm for this subject he has imparted to his future bride, and for the past two years her reading has included books on this important subject.

To-day she is probably as well versed as the Duke in the literature of the subject, and has extended her knowledge by visits to factories and workshops in different parts of the country. Sometimes she has made these visits with the Duke, but at other times she has been alone.

Through her association with the Girl Guides she has got into touch with hundreds of working girls in different parts of the country, and with them she has discussed the problems they have to face in the workshop and the home, displaying an insight into their difficulties that has astonished them.

## IN WORKERS' HOMES.

On her father's estates, in the adjacent towns, indeed wherever opportunity presented, she has gone into working-class homes to see for herself the conditions under which the workers live. As the result of her first-hand study of those conditions she is a staunch ally of the Duke in his desire to see rapid progress made with improved housing accommodation for the workers.

She was sufficiently interested in the stories told by the Prince of what he had seen of working-class homes in the poorer parts of London to pay visits on her own account, and it is safe to say that she will second the efforts of the Duke to awaken public interest in the urgent need for better housing of the working-classes.

She is widely read, and there is hardly a branch of literature with which she is not acquainted. She has decided and sometimes original views on literary topics, but always expresses them with modesty. Her earliest reading was Sir Walter Scott, and from that she acquired an interest in history that has made her something of an authority on places of historic interest on both sides of the border.

During the visits of the Duke of York to the family seats she was his guide to the historic associations of the countryside, and won more than one compliment for her knowledge of the subject.

For fiction of the more sentimental and popular sort she has little use, but reads Hardy, Meredith and Crockett, the latter for his historic sidelights. In poetry her favourites are Tennyson, Shelley, and William Watson, and in Scotland she has acquired some reputation as an authority on Burns.

Her family has not taken an active part in politics, but she has developed an independence of thought on current questions that sometimes brings her into conflict with those with whom she is ordinarily associated. She is all for encouraging women to play their part in the political life of the nation and welcomes anything that tends to widen the sphere of her sex.

## ADMIRABLE HOSTESS.

As Duchess of York it will fall to her lot to be hostess and Society leader. She has proved her capacity in this direction when acting as hostess during the illnesses of her mother. She has filled the role admirably, displaying tact and queenly qualities that have won ungrudging praise from guests who are qualified to be exacting critics.

She has many friends, and is exceedingly popular with them. She has a reputation for wisdom beyond her years, and her friends of her own age are in the habit of confiding their troubles to her. Invariably they go away feeling that the advice given is sound and the sympathy expressed comes from the heart.

Loyalty to friends is a quality she possesses in an unusual degree, and it is one she sets store by in others, being quick to mark disapproval of absence of this quality in those around her. Her pet aversion is the malicious gossip, and the capacity for stinging rebukes which she possesses is only called into play when some one offends against her code in this respect.

In her schooldays she developed pronounced views on the subject of submissiveness as the duty of a wife, arguing strongly that the accepted ideas on this subject were in need of revision and that the ideal relation of husband and wife was one of equal partnership.

This, by the way, is one of the topics that has been discussed in the family circle in the presence of the Duke of York, and the young couple are nearer to agreement on the topic than some of their elders.

## AERO INTEREST.

Travel is one of the interests of Lady Elizabeth, and she has seen most of the sights of Europe. Paris she likes for its shops and its historical associations. Rome for its treasures and its religious and architectural interest.

She is keenly interested in aviation, has made several flights, and at one time cherished the ambition to be one of the

few qualified women pilots in this country. That ambition will now go by the board. Music is one of her passions, and at one time she held decided views regarding the production of opera in this country.

She has no liking for the Society women who spend their time in idleness, and holds strongly that every woman should give as much of her time as possible to useful public work. Temperamentally she is a confirmed optimist who refuses to give way to despair no matter how depressing things may be at any time, and has the gift of imparting her optimism to others who seek her advice in time of trouble.

Another of her gifts is a keen sense of humour, but there is entire freedom from malice in her humour, and people who try to raise a laugh by what Scots folk call "a joke w' in it" do not find any encouragement from her. In addition to her work with the Girl Guides she has shown practical interest in various charities connected with provision of medical attention and recreations for the children of the poor, and has also taken part in efforts to raise funds for assisting blinded war heroes.

Simply she regards as the keynote of effectiveness in dress, and has no patience with the tendency on the part of some of her sex to overload themselves with jewellery and gaudy garments. So far as her own dressing is concerned, she has an unerring instinct for the right colouring and has been described by no mean judges as the girl who has the gift of attaining perfect harmony between herself and her clothes.

One opinion she stoutly championed in her schooldays was that women should be allowed to earn titles and other honours for public service in the same way as men, and in view of the announcement of her engagement to the Duke it is interesting to recall that about five years ago she expressed the view that she would marry a commoner and acquire on her own merits by public work any title or distinctions within her reach. It may be that time has modified her views on this point, but she certainly impressed those who heard her at the time with the sincerity of her conviction.

## ABBEY WEDDING.

PROBABLY BEFORE NEXT SUMMER.

Immediately after his formal proposal to Lady Elizabeth, the Duke of York journeyed from the Bowes-Lyon country seat in Hertfordshire to Sandringham to acquaint the King and Queen of the romantic development in his affairs.

The approval and sanction he sought were immediately forthcoming, for both their Majesties had been acquainted with the affection which for over a year their second son had entertained for this pretty bride-to-be of the Princess Mary. The engagement is expected to be comparatively short, and the wedding may take place before the summer. Westminster Abbey will be the scene, in all probability, of the brilliant marriage ceremony.

Data in connection with the wedding and the future home are to be discussed during the weekend, and with this object Lord and Lady Strathmore and Lady Elizabeth will be the guests of the King and Queen at Sandringham from Saturday till Monday.

The romantic history of the Bowes-Lyon family and that of Glamis Castle is dealt with in *The People* on page 2.



## Betrothal Bouquets.

Lady Elizabeth is known in her home circle and among her intimate friends as "Betty."

Both the Duke and Lady Elizabeth are good tennis players.

The Duke of York was very popular both in the Navy and in the Air Force. At Osborne, where he trained, he was given the nickname of "Sprats."

He was a sub-lieutenant on the Iron Duke when he took part in the battle of Jutland. The able and fearless manner in which he performed his duties resulted in his promotion to full lieutenant.

He was known as "Johnson" to his fellow officers, and "Mr. Johnson" to his men. It is recorded that the manager of the floating stores on an occasion when there was a rush of customers, once said to him:

"Now, Johnson, no puffing; whistle all the time till you're out of the shop and keep your hands in your pockets."

It afterwards became one of the Royal Household's jokes to give his order by whistling with his hands in his pockets.

The betrothal is the outcome of a child hood friendship, strengthened in later life by meetings in ball rooms and at country house parties, particularly at the Bowes-Lyon country seat at St. Paul's, Waldenbury, Hertfordshire.

It was at the latter place, during a week-end visit, that the Duke of York proposed on Sunday afternoon.

"It's rather a rag coming after the reported engagement between myself and the Prince of Wales," said Lady Elizabeth in an interview.

"Although only 21, when she was appointed District Commissioner of the Girl Guides, Lady Elizabeth has been responsible for the whole of the training, recruiting, and discipline of the Glamis branch for the past two years."

Asked by a reporter if her fiancé's proposal came as a surprise, Lady Elizabeth replied: "Well, yes, I just thought it over for a minute and then said, 'Yes.' I'm not sure that I wasn't the more surprised of the two."

"We have not had time to think about where we are going to live, but it will have to be somewhere in or around London, as Prince Bertie's work will keep him in town a good deal," she told another interviewer.

"Will you express to my fellow citizens of London how very much I appreciate your kind message of congratulation?" The Duke of York's reply to the Lord Mayor.

A difference of £15,000 a year will be made to the income of the Duke of York by his marriage. His present annual income of £10,000 under the Civil List Act will be increased to £25,000.

"She is just sweet and dainty, and has such nice ways. Photographs don't do her justice a bit." Comment of a young Glamis village girl on seeing a photograph of Lady Elizabeth.

## DUKE'S CHALLENGE.

ROUND OF GOLF WITH MINERS' LEADER.

The Duke of York's first public appearance since the announcement of his engagement was as chairman at the festival dinner given at the Savoy Hotel by Sir Charles Wakefield in connection with the Industrial Welfare Society on Thursday.

After referring to the Duke's work for the society, Sir Charles Wakefield, who proposed the toast of the Royal family, said: "It is given to no one to command happiness, but if the affectionate telepathy of an entire nation can achieve its desires, the Duke of York's life will indeed be crowned with happiness."

The Duke was loudly applauded when he rose to reply. "I thank you," he said, "for the kind references which have been made to my engagement to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon."

"I should like to take this opportunity, on behalf of my future wife and myself, of thanking also the very many who have showered congratulations and good wishes upon us."

"I would assure them, one and all, that we both much appreciate and are deeply touched by the charming expressions of good will that we have received."

## LADY'S GOOD WISHES.

Miss Julia Varley, one of the speakers, at the close of her remarks, turned to the duke and said: "I wish personally to congratulate your Royal Highness on your engagement."

Amid cheers the duke bowed his acknowledgment to Miss Varley. The toast of the Society was spoken to by Lord Amphil of the Royal family, secretary of the Miners' Federation. The Duke, in the course of his reply, said:

"Mr. Hodges said in his speech that he wished me to come down to the Rhondda Valley to have a game of golf with the miners there. If he will allow me, I will challenge him to a round of golf on his own course. (Laughter and cheers.)"

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### SERIOUS CHARGES.

#### ATTEMPT TO WRECK A TRAIN AT TWELVE.

It is the age of the young adventurers which is, perhaps, the most striking feature.

In the cases reported during the week, only one boy had reached the age of 15, while the youngest was but 10.

A 12-year-old boy who appeared before the magistrates at Bath was alleged to have broken into a gangster's hut near Claverton, stolen an axe, and hacked down some pieces of timber from the fencing of the line-side.

These were placed in the path of an oncoming express. The train crashed into the obstruction but kept to the rails, and no one was hurt.

The boy, a policeman said, admitted stealing the axe, which he later threw away in a wood.

He was beyond his parents' control, and was sent in October to an industrial school near Bath. Two days later he escaped. He ran away again on Jan. 2, and for a third time on the day the train was nearly wrecked. He was later arrested in Bristol.

#### SCHOOL SET ON FIRE.

At Ashford, Kent, a boy of 11, Rex Allan Prebble, was said to have set his school on fire maliciously because he wanted to be expelled. More than £50 worth of damage was done, and the fire brigade had to be called out to deal with the flames.

His head master said that apparently Prebble had gathered together a lot of rubbish in an upstairs room, and had then set it alight. Several rafters and the roof were partly burnt through.

"At first," said the head master, "I thought it might have been done in a spirit of mischief, but I am now convinced it was done in sheer wickedness."

The boy's father said his son was incorrigible. The Bench remanded the boy, and he was sent to a detention home for a week.

Charged with the manslaughter of John William Elvin, a schoolmate, with whom he had quarrelled over a book, Ronald Wade Lillie, aged 15, was found not guilty at Cambridge Assizes.

It was said that Lillie struck at Elvin, who staggered back with the cry, "Oh, I am cut." A knife was then seen in Lillie's hand.

The defence was that Lillie pulled out the knife with the intention of flourishing it, and when Elvin came up to him to hit him he rushed on to the blade. A doctor said Elvin would have lived had he not walked home.

#### RIDE ON BUFFERS.

Aberdeen police are endeavouring to hunt down two boys who travelled on the buffers of an express. The train had gone about half a mile when the boys were noticed and had the train stopped.

The boys immediately darted from the buffers, scaled a wall, and soon left behind several railway workers who chased them. A railway official said that if the boys had not been seen they would probably have been killed before travelling five miles.

The 14-year-old Scottish boy, Ian Adams, who ran away from home in Edinburgh, was found in London, and has returned to Scotland with his father.

It was on Dec. 5 that young Adams left his home with £10 in his pocket, his motive in running away being a love of adventure and a dislike of school discipline. He was found at a Drury-lane lodging-house, the keeper of which recognised him from the published description, and communicated with the police at Bow-st.

#### GIRL BURGLAR.

Hearing a noise in the rooms below Miss Winifred Flaherty, of Attercliffe, Sheffield, went downstairs and found that the intruder was a girl of 15.

The child, who was wearing some of Miss Flaherty's clothing, had collected a gold watch and chain, a wristlet watch, purse and other things, and had wrapped them in brown paper.

She admitted that she had entered the house by the cellar grate.

#### ELECTION ROMANCE.

##### M.P. TO MARRY ONE OF HIS SUPPORTERS.

A romance of the last general election underlies the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of Sir Edwin Stockton, M.P., and Mrs. Armitage, widow of Lieutenant Noel Armitage, of Hale, Cheshire. Sir Edwin, who is the member for the Exchange Division of Manchester, is well known in cotton and railway circles. At the general election he had the assistance of Mrs. Armitage, a keen Conservative and a brilliant platform speaker, during the contest.

#### TIP FOR LAWYERS.

Judge Sir Alfred Tobin, at Westminster County Court, remarked that the copy of letters handed in did not agree with the originals. He would adjourn the case for the solicitors to prepare a correct copy.

"If some solicitors," he added, "went to Manchester, Liverpool, or Leeds for a month they would learn how work should be done."

## PETROL SCENE IN HOTEL.

### WOMAN AND WIFE.

#### ALLEGATIONS IN BATHROOM INCIDENT.

A remarkable scene at a Folkestone hotel was described at the Folkestone Police Court when Miss Tyler (38), described as an American, was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Mrs. Bertha Feist, a guest at the same hotel.

Det.-sergt. Johnson said that when he saw Miss Tyler at the hotel she seemed dazed. In answer to the charge she said, "It was an accident. I bought petrol to clean my clothes, and poured the petrol that was left into the water-bottle."

Later she explained that she had intended to throw the petrol away. "On opening the door of the toilet room," she continued, "all the things in my pocket dropped out, amongst them the petrol lighter, and it flamed up."

"I leaped down to extinguish the flame, and purposely threw the bottle out of my hand to get it away from me. I did not think anyone was in the bath, but all of a sudden the door opened, and I saw a lady, who said, 'Oh! Oh!'"

Mr. Feist said she became acquainted with Tyler in 1910, when she was living in London. They met at intervals in England and America.

#### WIFE'S SCREAM.

He arrived at the hotel on Jan. 4 and met Tyler by chance.

He did not see her until his wife, who had gone to the bathroom, screamed. He jumped out of bed and ran to the door. His wife, in her dressing-gown, rushed in greatly alarmed. He then saw Tyler disappear into a room along the corridor.

Mrs. Feist said that on leaving the bathroom she found Tyler outside. The woman, Mrs. Feist alleged, suddenly threw over her a quantity of petrol and then flung a light at her.

Mrs. Feist warded off the flame with a towel and ran to her bedroom.

Later, she added, she found two wax tapers near the bathroom.

Mr. Feist reserved her defence, and was committed for trial. Bail was allowed.

## MIDDLETON'S STORY.

### LAST LETTER FROM MURDERED WIFE.

Chief Officer Middleton, the husband of Mrs. Alice Middleton, who was murdered by Cecil Maltby in the barricaded house at Regent's Park, was interviewed aboard the a.s. Maresfield at Port Said. He had been married 18 years to Mrs. Middleton, and they had lived very happily together. They had had no quarrel. He last saw his wife on July 20, 1922, at Fowey, Cornwall.

The last letter he received from her was quite cheery, and reached him on Aug. 15, at Baltimore.

Letters for his wife were sent to the care of her brother-in-law, who was asked by her to re-address them to the care of Maltby. Mr. Middleton said he knew nothing of Maltby.

Between his last two voyages he had tried to see him, and ascertain the whereabouts of Mrs. Middleton, but had failed to find anyone at the house. Consequently, he reported the matter to the police.

The funeral of Cecil Maltby took place at East Finchley. Only the officiating clergyman, the undertaker and his assistants, and a couple of gravediggers were present. There was not a single floral emblem.

#### POLICE EVIDENCE.

##### MAGISTRATE AND LACK OF CORROBORATION.

"I believe it is a studied policy on the part of the police not to call independent evidence," said Mr. Waddy, the Tower Bridge magistrate, during a case in which the evidence of two policemen was pitted against the denials of two women accused of soliciting.

Mr. Waddy added that it was most unfortunate that a magistrate should continually be asked to decide cases in which there was a direct conflict of evidence. "I have made this protest before," he said, "and perhaps this is the last time my conscience will allow me to do so." The women were fined 10s.

#### A FATHER'S FORGIVENESS.

Lily Tranter, of Bournemouth, near Bromsgrove, was charged at Bromsgrove with stealing various articles, including £11 13s. 6d. in money, the property of her father, Frederick Tranter, of Bournemouth, and £3 15s. the property of her sister, Elsie Tranter.

Supt. Jones said Tranter was divorced from a man named Willis, of Bromsgrove, and had been living at home with her parents. On Dec. 13 she absconded, taking a considerable sum of money and other articles. She was arrested later at New Brighton.

Accused's father asked permission to withdraw the charge, and said he was quite willing to take his daughter back again.

The Bench admonished the accused, and discharged her, on her father undertaking to defray the expenses incurred in the case.

#### TWO KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION.

Two workmen—Fred Walton and John Allen—were killed in an explosion at the Fleetwood (Lancs.) Gasworks. At the time of the explosion the men were engaged in clearing out the main, which takes the gas produced in the plant, to mix with the coal-gas. They were thrown a distance of 30ft. and buried beneath the wreckage.

#### BOAR CHARGES CROWD.

A large black boar ran amok at Guildford Market. It attacked a horse, and drove it into a corner. The boar then dashed down the main street, scattering a large number of people. Then it charged several crows attached to vehicles, and a pony was badly bitten. After a while the boar was driven into a yard and caught.

## "FORGIVE ME, MY QUEEN."

### LOVE LETTERS OF A FATHER OF TEN.

A draper's love letters to a woman who was not his wife were read in a case that came before Judge Avory at the Berkshire Assizes.

Mr. James Howes, draper and outfitter, of Peppard, Oxon, sued Mr. Leonard Sutton, thrice Mayor of Reading, for £3,000 damages and a further sum as special damages amounting to nearly £200 for loss in the business capacity of plaintiff owing to a collision with defendant's motor-car.

Mr. L. Williams said the accident had so seriously affected Howes' nerves that he lost his interest in his business. He suffered from morbid depression, during which he wrote stupid messages of a Scriptural character to Mr. Sutton and to other people. He also posted up texts of Scriptural matter in his shop, and was altogether unable to conduct his business, which had shown losses of between £500 and £500 in the three years since the accident.

Mr. Howes admitted he had in 1915 written some extraordinary love-letters to a woman not his wife. He was married with 10 children at the time.

After failing to receive a reply to several of his letters, he wrote yet another, in which he asked her to "kindly forgive my writing and remove the encircling gloom."

In another he said, "Forgive me, my queen," to which he appended three crosses, and in yet another he wrote, "I have dearly loved you and shall for ever love you."

For the defence it was stated that Howes had on several occasions admitted the accident was his fault.

A verdict was returned for defendant.

## SELDOM SPOKE.

### BLACKSMITH AND HIS WIFE.

A wife's dislike of village life was mentioned at Brighton when William George Miles was summoned for wife desertion. Miles, who was a blacksmith, said his wife took a dislike to the amity soon after they were married in December, 1919. He then obtained a village hair-dressing business, but she resented village life because there were no picture-palaces or theatres.

While his wife was at Plymouth on holiday he decided to get another blacksmith business, but Mrs. Miles complained, and he bought a china shop. Finally, on his brother's wedding day, his wife, after drinking the brother's health, went to Brighton.

Mrs. Miles said her husband went to live with his mother three doors away. For several months they lived close together, but never spoke to each other. This "refined cruelty," she said, made her desperate, and she went to live with her sister at Brighton.

Shortly before Christmas her husband wrote that as they could not agree he had found a woman who would be a working partner.

The magistrate ordered Miles to pay his wife 15s. a week and 10s. for the child.

## YOUNG MOTHER'S PLIGHT.

**DISTRESSING OUTBURST IN COURT.** "I did not mean to steal. I wanted to go to London to see my baby, and was going to send the money and ring back when I had had some money from my man," said Louisa Smith when charged with larceny.

She was arrested in London and charged at Barry.

Asked by the magistrates' clerk if she wished to say anything, she burst out into a rambling story. Speaking passionately and hysterically she said: "I heard about my baby being neglected. When I went up to London I found that my baby had no clothes on and was starving. I am sorry I stole, but I had to get money. The baby was starved. It drank five bottles of milk in one day. It was so hungry."

When this statement was sobbingly given out many of the people in court murmured in pity.

Defendant burst out crying, and, appealing to the magistrates, said she did not want to be maintained by her mother.

"I want to go to the father. It is his place to maintain his child," she concluded.

The Presiding Magistrate: Your case will be adjourned for a month. You will be placed in the care of the probation officer to see what can be done. Your story is a very odd one, and most distressing, he concluded.

## JOURNEY TO DIE.

### POVERTY DELUSION WHICH LED TO SUICIDE.

How a man travelled from Liverpool to London in order to commit suicide with a view to avoiding "disgrace" was revealed at an inquest at Westminster on William Selby Thornton (54), Mosley Hill, Liverpool, whose body was recovered from the Thames. Suicide while of unsound mind was the verdict.

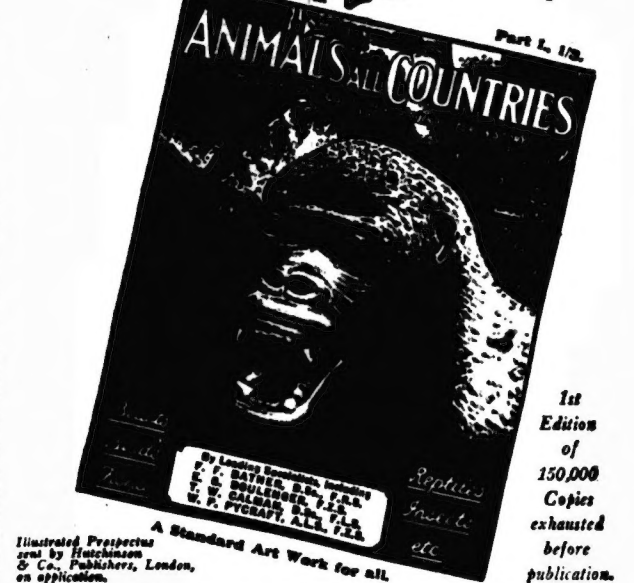
"I feel I have got into a hopeless position," he wrote in a letter to his wife. "I owe about £340 for rents collected and can only raise about £600. I thought it best to come to London, and shall plunge into the Thames to-night."

The widow said she did not know how her husband had got the idea that he was in financial difficulties.

**DELUSIONS OF K.C.'S SISTER.** An obsession that she was poverty-stricken led to the suicide of Miss Elizabeth Manning, a woman of independent means living in South Kensington. At the inquest her brother, Mr. J. W. Manning, K.C., said that the idea that she was financially embarrassed was entirely a delusion. She had been much depressed by the death of a sister, and in September went voluntarily into a mental institution, returning home in January, apparently cured.

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## FUNERAL STOPPED BY CORONER.

### WOMAN'S FATE.

### DAUGHTER'S STORY AT INQUEST.

The inquest on Edith Mary Jones (44), of Whitfield-st., Tottenham Court-rd., whose funeral was postponed by order of the St. Pancras coroner, was adjourned on Friday until Feb. 8, to hear the report of an analytical examination.

Mrs. Edith Mary Jones, who identified the body as that of her mother, said the dead woman was the wife of a bricklayer named John Jones, who, as far as she knew, was still alive.

Her mother did not live with him, but with a man named Martin. She last saw her father, Mr. Jones, at the end of the war, when he came to England to return to Australia, where he had been resident about eight years.

Six weeks ago witness left Whitfield-st., as she got married, but she continued to see her mother every day. Until recently her mother had been in good health, but about three weeks ago she had an illness and a week ago took to her bed. She last saw her mother alive on Jan. 14, when she was much better than she had been during the previous week. Last Sunday afternoon she went round to see her, but found she was dead.

**STORY OF INQUIRY.**

In answer to questions by the coroner, witness said that her mother was of temperate habits, but was not always sober. She had been drinking to excess recently.

The coroner: Has your mother lived happily with Martin?—No, I cannot say that she has.

In further reply to the coroner, witness said she had seen her mother ill-treated by Martin, and had seen injuries which had been caused to her body and her hair.

In consequence of this witness went to Harrow-rd. Police Station, and an inspector named Martin.

Witness had often been prevented by Martin from calling assistance.

A month ago her mother had two black eyes, a bruised face, and several bruises on her body and legs. She told witness that Martin had hit her and caused the injuries. She had been out all day on business for witness and Martin accused her of going out with men. Her mother remained with her for three days and then returned to Martin.

Since about that time her mother had not been well and she took to her bed on Jan. 6. On the following day witness was assisting her to her (witness's) house, when she twice fainted and had to be carried to her bed.

Witness found Martin in a public-house opposite and asked whether she should summon a doctor. He gave no definite answer and asked her what she was getting excited about.

He entered the house, grumbled at her mother, and while she was in bed hit her on the face with his hand. It was not a severe blow.

The coroner: Have you any knowledge of your mother was assaulted between Sunday, Jan. 7 and the time of her death?—No, I have no knowledge.

Harry Gunter, a plumber's mate, and husband of the previous witness, said that about a month ago, when he saw Mrs. Jones, she had two black eyes, a bruised face, and a cut chin, which she said had been caused by Martin.

**MEDICAL EVIDENCE.**

After a consultation with Div.-det. Insp. Cornish, who watched the case, the coroner said: "Is there anything further that you can place before the court in this matter?"

The witness: No, sir.

The coroner: Nothing at all that will throw any light on the cause of her illness and death?—No, nothing whatever.

Dr. W. H. de Wyt stated that he saw the woman in bed and found she had pulmonary congestion. To the best of his belief she died of uraemia and cardiac disease, and he gave a certificate.

Dr. Rose, Police Divisional Surgeon, also made the post mortem examination, and the body was well nourished. There was an old bruise in the lower part of the abdomen on the right side—probably about two days.

In reply to the coroner, the doctor said the bruise, which was quite superficial, might have been caused by a fall and had no part in causing death.

The doctor was not in a position definitely to state the cause of death, and ordered that his investigations might be completed the inquest was adjourned.

**FILM ROMANCE.**

MISS ISOBEL ELSON AND MR. MAURICE ELVEY MARRIED.

The announcement that Miss Isobel Elson and Mr. Maurice Elvey have been quietly married has created some little surprise in the stage and film circles.

The marriage took place last Saturday at the Marriage Registry Office in the presence of a couple of friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Elvey are too busy at present to have a honeymoon.

Miss Elson is taking a prominent part in the revival of "Sweet Lavender" at the Ambassadors Theatre, and Mr. Elvey is appearing in the film production of "The Sign of Four." The bridegroom is years of age and the bride 29.

The actual engagement took place during Mr. Elvey's making of the picture "Dick Turpin's Ride to York," wherein Miss Elson played the heroine.

Miss Elson was educated at Howard College, Bedford, and made her appearance on the stage in 1911. She gained distinction three years later in a Gaiety production, "After the Girl."

**JUDGE AND MONEYLENDER.**

I do not like a moneylender who swears on oath that double the amount due is very careful in paying. Produce your books so that I can check them," said Judge Mr. Alfred Tolson at Westminster County Court to a moneylender who sought to recover a debt.

The moneylender: I have not brought them.

Judge: Then go away and get them. I shall check every word you say.

**NO HOPE OF WORK.**

MAN SENT TO PRISON TO AWAIT LONGER DAYS.

When Alfred Hyde (22), a gardener, was charged at Highgate as a "suspected person," it was stated he had been in prison since Jan. 7, and the police now said they could find nothing whatever against his character.

Hyde said he had no prospects of finding work.

The magistrate consulted with the clerk as to how best they could assist the man, and eventually sent him to prison for 14 days.

When you come out," he said, "the days will be longer and brighter, and you will have a better chance to get work."

**APOLOGY.**

**PENAL SERVITUDE FOR O.B.E.**

Disgraceful Conduct of a Former Magistrate.

By an extraordinary blunder a usually reliable correspondent of ours sent us a report which appeared under the above heading in our issue of Dec. 31, 1922, in which the identity of two persons is mixed up.

The person intended to be referred to, whose name we correctly gave, was William Lees, but a substantial part of the paragraph has been understood to refer to Mr. Richard Williamson, of 94, West Kensington, Glasgow, and Westerton, Callander, Perthshire.

We desire to state that the person convicted was William Lees, and that Mr. Richard Williamson was not convicted or found guilty of the offences referred to in the paragraph, and that the observations of the learned judge had no reference whatever to him. It is a source of profound regret to us that the mistake should have been made, and we unreservedly apologise to Mr. Williamson.

**TELL-TALE FINGER MARK.**

LEADS TO ALLEGED THIEF'S ARREST.

A finger mark left on a window led to the arrest of Frederick James Hall (22), who at Highgate was remanded charged with having broken into a tobacconist's shop at Finchley.

Evidence was that a window at the back of the shop was found to have been broken, and on a piece of glass which had been carefully placed against the door a finger impression, it was stated, was found by the police.

It was sent to Scotland Yard and photographed.

Accused, when arrested, said: "I did the job. I don't know what made me do it. I have been going straight since I last came out."

**UNGUARDED FIRE FATALITY.**

At the inquest at Nottingham on Ethel Goodacre (41), of Trafalgar-st., the girl's mother said that she was called home from a relative's house near by and found her daughter suffering terribly from burns. The child died in hospital.

The mother added that Ethel had been left in charge of a three-year-old sister named Minnie. There was no guard on the kitchen fire, and when she asked the little sufferer how her clothing became alight she replied, "Minnie pushed me."

A verdict of death from shock due to burns caused by falling against an unguarded fire was recorded.

**DISPUTED PATERNITY.**

**£10,000 DEAL IN SILVER.**

GLITTERING DISPLAY ON JUDGE'S BENCH.

A quantity of silver, said to be heirlooms once in the possession of Lord Taunton, were conspicuously displayed on Mr. Justice Shearman's bench in the King's Bench Division on Friday.

The action concerned a quantity of silver and furniture bought for £10,000 at Quanton Lodge in September, 1920, by Mr. C. E. Maloney, of Newbury House, Gillingham (Dorset), from Mr. E. A. V. Stanley, of Quanton Lodge, near Bridgewater, who was the vendor for the executors.

Mr. Emmanuel, K.C., for Mr. Maloney stated that 13 of the silver articles bought were alleged to bear forged marks.

He did not think there would be any dispute as to the forged marks, but there might be as to values.

Mr. Maloney was a general merchant, and he had some of the silver exposed for sale in a jeweller's shop. Sent to the Assay Office for examination, 13 articles were found to be spurious.

There was no suggestion that Mr. Stanley knew of the condition of the silver.

**A SETTLEMENT.**

During the evidence of an expert witness, Justice Shearman handled one handsome bowl, which he described as chased with representations of warriors and bearing medallions of Neptune.

The witness said that it bore the mark 1719—a forged mark.

In reply to the judge, the witness agreed that if the forged marks were removed and real marks substituted the articles would still be of value.

Eventually counsel announced that a settlement had been reached.

His Lordship: Very well. It is clear nobody has suggested malpractice. The whole case is curious and interesting.

**HER LIFE FOR HER BABY.**

MOTHER CRUSHED TO DEATH BY MOTOR-CAR.

While striving to save her baby Mrs. Sarah Smith, of Hull, sacrificed her life. A motor-car mounted the pavement in Charlton-st., and the driver shouted a warning to Mrs. Smith, who faced the car with her back to the wall of a building and held the baby above her head.

The child's life was saved, but the mother was pinned to the wall and killed. The child is suffering from concussion.

**PLUCKY BABY.**

LEG AMPUTATED BUT STILL CHEERFUL.

While playing in the street Cyril Winsall (2), of Newbury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester, was run over by a tram and seriously injured.

The right leg had to be amputated. This was done at Ancoats Hospital, and the nurses and attendants were greatly impressed by the cheerfulness of the little chap. On describing him as "the brightest little fellow they had received in hospital for a long time."

His condition is serious, but there were hopes of his recovery.

**CUPID-SMITTEN TOMMY.**

When charged at Newport with being an absentee, Philip Wainwright, a young soldier of the South Wales Borderers, was asked by the clerk, "Why did you come away?"

"It's a job to tell, sir," replied the young man.

"You had better get the job done quickly and tell us something. Was it a matter of coming to see your sweetheart?" concluded the clerk.

"Yes," replied the young man, with a blush, and laughter.

"Well, I don't blame the man," observed the clerk.

Wainwright was handed over to an escort.

**HUNTED MAN SHOTS HIMSELF.**

**CORNERED IN HOUSE.**

**LAST MINUTE LETTER TO SISTER.**

The pursuit of an armed man through the streets, the shooting of a constable, the storming of a barricaded room, and the death of the fugitive by his own hand were features of an Edinburgh drama.

A two-seater motor-car which had been stolen from outside an hotel in Princes-st., was traced to a garage in the centre of the city, over which the police kept a close watch.

At midnight two men were seen to enter the garage, and Det. Joseph Marshall and Constable W. Petrie dashed in after them. One of the suspects drew a revolver and fired three shots, one of which wounded the constable in the shoulder.

The gunman ran away, but his associate, who gave the name of Alexander Davidson, was arrested. He told the police that his companion was Alfred Charles Watson, with whom he had come from Glasgow.

He added that they had had tea in a house in Barny-st., and there the police, taking Davidson with them, went in the early hours of the following morning.

The landlady said two men had called there from Glasgow, and said their business had reference to a motor-car. She added that one of them was asleep in a room.

**SUICIDE IF CORNERED.**

When the detectives tried the door they found it barricaded. They began to force it, but had only just started when a revolver shot rang out.

When the officers entered the room they found Watson lying dead, with a bullet wound in his right temple.

The landlady said Watson, on returning from his expedition, asked for a pen and writing paper, and retired to his room.

Two letters in Watson's handwriting were found in the room. One, addressed to the Procurator-General, stated that he had no intention of injuring the policeman—he had merely intended to frighten him.

He expressed regret for the trouble he had caused and attributed his position to financial trouble. He concluded with the statement that "if cornered" he intended to shoot himself.

**WAY OF THE WORLD.**

The second letter was as follows:—

"My dear little sister, God forgive me for this, but my very dear sister, it has been forced on me by circumstances. I am absolutely broke, and as I could not get work something had to be done.

"You will understand the position—tried hard since I came back, but found it impossible. If I could have got some assistance everything would have been all right, but everyone of my friends seemed to be waiting to get something, not to give.

"Of course, that is the way of the world. When you are down they want to keep you down."

"What has happened to-night, Mary dear, I can remember only in a hazy sort of way. Now, Mary, I intend to shoot myself; it is the best thing for me to do. At times I really think I am mad, but I don't doubt it now."

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"I seem to have relief in contemplating this. The worry this while back has got on my nerves. If you knew, I could not stand it. I wish to God that I had been killed in the war. It would have saved me all this sorrow."

"I want you to try to meet a good boy, and get married, Mary. Go and see your aunt, Mary, and see if she can do anything for you. I think she will, under the circumstances."

"I have no money left, dear, but have two silver cups, also the belt of a standing living at Mr. McNeill's, also some effects at John's place, and at Currie's. They are yours."

"I am broken-hearted at all the trouble I have caused you, my dear little sister."

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**SON SUES FATHER.**

FURNITURE AND BULL TERRIER TO BE GIVEN UP.

Furniture and a bull terrier valued together at £25 were claimed by a son when he brought an action against his father at Newcastle County Court.

Plaintiff was Ralph B. R. Christie, a coal cutter, and he sued his father, Ralph B. Christie, in whose house at Newcastle he and his wife stayed as lodgers when he was working in the locality.

The son alleged that his father turned them out of the house, but retained his furniture and the dog.

The father: I would not give £3 for the terrier.

The son: That's his opinion. I say I have the best bull-terrier bitch in England.

His Honour: Have you shown the bull terrier?

Son: No, your Honour; it is as deaf as a post, and that disqualifies it.

His Honour explained to the father that no matter how much his son might owe him, he had no right to take the law into his own hands and detain his son's goods.

His Honour: When can you deliver up the goods?

Father: When I get my money.

His Honour: There will be judgment for the delivery of the goods in seven days or, alternatively, their value.

A counter claim by the father for £7 9s. 6d. rent due was ordered to be set off against the damages.

**HARD AT MY LIFE.**

**CORONER'S ADVICE TO A WIDOW.**

"I have noticed that the hard life in the Army aged a lot of men and affected their physical condition," observed Dr. Hewlett at an inquest at Kingston (Surrey) on Edward Ladd, aged 39, of Alfred-rd., Kingston. Ladd collapsed while working as a paper hanger, and died from cerebral hemorrhage.

The doctor added that Ladd had no heart disease before he joined the Army, and his military service undoubtedly accelerated his death.

The widow, who is left with two young children, said her husband was wounded during the war, and he also injured himself by slipping off a lorry.

The coroner said that death was due to natural causes, but was accelerated by Ladd's Army service.

He advised the relatives to communicate with the Ministry of Pensions.

**KING TUTANKHAMEN'S "BULLY."**

**BEEF IN TOMB.**

**3,350-YEARS-OLD MEAT OF PHARAOH.**

What is thought to be the oldest specimen of canned beef in the world was discovered by archaeologists while carrying out excavation work in Tutankhamen's Tomb at Luxor.

It is 3,350 years old, and while not wholly palatable (says Reuters) is in an excellent state of preservation.

The meat, which is embalmed, is contained in elliptical receptacles, resembling huge Easter eggs. In all 40 of these eggs were removed.

Scarcely had this extraordinary find been removed when Mr. Carter emerged from the tomb with four bronze candlesticks of unexampled beauty, one containing a perfectly preserved candle.

**STEEL GATE ERECTED.**

A burglar-proof steel gate is being fixed by the Egyptian Government at the entrance to the tomb.

A large burglar-proof lock, such as is used on modern bank vaults, is to be fitted to the gate to prevent any possible raid by thieves on the royal sepulchre.

Lord Carnarvon is expected to arrive early in February, and it is anticipated that the inner chamber, which archaeologists hope contains the body of the king, will be opened soon after his arrival.

Tourists are flocking to the Valley of Kings in such numbers that Mr. Carter and his colleagues are being greatly impeded in their work.

**"THREEPENNY DOCTOR."**

Formerly known as "the three-penny doctor," Henry Perry Jelly, provision dealer, 291, Hackney-rd., Shoreditch, was summoned at Old-st. for selling margarine containing 28 per cent. excess of water, and also for failing to label margarine.

Fines of 40s. on the first summons and 10s. on the second summons had been imposed before the defendant entered the court.

On being informed of this result by the magistrate, defendant simply answered "Yes," and proceeded to pay the penalties.

and hope somebody with a heart will give you a hand, and not do as they have done to me—stamp on you.

"Well, dear, my time on this earth is limited now, and I must hurry. God forgive me; also you, Mary. I think I must be mad to do this, but I am distracted."

"Well, Mary, good bye, and always think kindly of your broken-hearted brother. With all my love, your distracted, broken brother, Alf."

**DEAD MAN'S HISTORY.**

Police inquiries at Glasgow have established that Alfred Charles Watson was born at Largs in 1890, where he resided for 18 years. He was known to the Glasgow police, inasmuch as in 1922 he was sentenced to six months' hard labour for the theft of a motor-car.

He had also been charged prior to that with contravention of the Firearms Act, the police account being that he went into the office of a bookmaker and endeavoured to obtain from him £5, threatening him with a loaded revolver. On this occasion he was fined £2.

**LEFT A FORTUNE.**

Watson's sister, a girl of 19, has stated that her mother died eight years ago, and that her father died two years ago, last Christmas Day. He had had a restaurant in Glasgow for 15 years. He died intestate, but left her £300, and her brother a larger sum.

Later on a cheque was found belonging to him for £4,000, which went to her brother.

The man Davidson, after being formally charged at the Edinburgh Police Court, was remanded for inquiries.

The constable Petrie is stated to be progressing favourably.

**Wise Spending**

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## TRAINING COLLEGE FOR MEDIUMS.

### £3,000 BEQUEST.

#### CHANCERY COURT DISPUTE.

Did anybody exist who called himself a trainer of mediums?

This question was asked by Justice Russell in the Chancery Court in re-considering judgment when called upon to decide whether a bequest by Gustav Adolf Hummeltenburg of £3,000 to the London Spiritualistic Alliance towards establishing a college for training and developing suitable persons, male and female, as "healing" spiritualistic mediums was a valid charitable gift.

His lordship asked how the court was to control the administration of the bequest, and said he would like to see a curriculum of the training of such a college.

Residuary legatees, the Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind, the London Homoeopathic Hospital, and the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond-st., disputed the validity of the gift.

Mr. G. B. Hurst, K.C., for the Alliance, read affidavits by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and others, testifying to the healing nature of the physical treatment of disease.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle said he was one of the senior members of the Psychological Research Society, and recalled that his sister-in-law had been entirely cured of multiple sclerosis and curvature of the spine by psychic means.

**DEFINITION OF "MEDIUM."**  
Justice Russell asked for a definition of the word "medium," and Mr. Hurst said the Oxford Dictionary gave this: "A supposed organ of communication from departed spirits."

Justice Russell: Primarily, medium means medium between this world and the world of departed spirits. I thought by the decisions, mediums were rogues and scoundrels.

Mr. Hurst contended that charity included in its legal meaning education in anything beneficial to a particular class.

Justice Russell: What about a trust for people with red hair?—It would be a good charity.

What of a bequest of 2s. 6d. to all barbers?—It would be a good charity. Or more grotesque still, half a crown a week for all millionaires?—In the eyes of the law, my lord, all charity. (Laughter.)

Mr. Preston, K.C., for the residuary legatees, said a bequest to train conjurers and ventriloquists would be a valid charity, because it was to enable these people to earn an honest living by so cheating. (Laughter.)

Legality was the test. A gift to train experts in the three-card trick would not be a valid charity because of illegality.

Justice Russell: I should think you would class these with mediums. There may be some honest performers of the three-card trick.

**IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAIN THEM.**

Mr. Vaisey, who also appeared for the residuary legatees, argued that it was just as impossible to train mediums to communicate with spirits as it would be to train an athlete to jump over St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. Bryan Farrer, for the Children's Hospital, after a reference to the Will of Endor, said the profession of a medium readily lent itself to deceit and fraud on the public.

Mr. Hurst, replying for the Spiritualistic Alliance, said it was quite possible to formulate a scheme for training mediums, just as one could train a man in any other profession.

The conjunction referred to in the Wills Act of 1733, added counsel, did not refer to communication with spirits of the departed, but with the devil.

## STERN MEASURES FOR RACE GANGS.

### 3 YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE FOR TWO BROTHERS.

The two brothers Augustus and Enrico Cortesi, who were convicted of shooting at Charles and Harry Sabini in the Fraternal Club, Clerkenwell, London, were each sentenced at the Old Bailey to three years' penal servitude.

Justice Darling, in passing sentence, said that the Grand Jury had recommended deportation of any alien found guilty in connection with the case.

He was not going to recommend deportation, but the whole Italian colony should know of the Grand Jury's recommendation.

"I wish to say to you all if this kind of lawless conduct goes on those who get convicted in future will be turned out of this country with their wives and children," added his lordship.

**NOW THE FEUD STARTED.**

According to the police evidence the Cortesi brothers and the Sabini belonged to rival race gangs, between whom there was a feud, which started at some trotting races.

The Jewish turf followers alleged that they were being blackmailed by Birmingham race followers. The Sabini belonged to the Jewish side. The Cortesi broke away, and an attempt was made to get Darby and Harry Sabini to their side.

Insp. Goose stated that for 18 years he did practically nothing but look after these gangs at race meetings. There were numerous fights and many people were injured. Forty men from Birmingham were arrested at Epsom for assault on the Jewish people, and some of them were sent to penal servitude.

#### CONVERTED PUBLICAN.

##### ALLOWED THE LIQUOR TO RUN TO WASTE.

The death in a train between Ferryhill and Durham of Mr. William Stark, a retired tradesman, of Horden, recalls a singular incident some 20 years ago.

About that time Mr. Stark, who was a licensed victualler, came under religious influences and was converted.

The spiritual change was so profound, it is said, that he went home, turned on the beer taps at his public-house and ran the liquor to waste.

He gave up the tavern and subsequently opened a general dealer's shop at Horden, and above his new venture he erected a sign, on which was inscribed: "William Stark, converted publican."

A sinner saved by grace. Then followed the verse from Romans vi. 23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

When Mr. Stark disposed of the business a few years ago he stipulated that the sign should remain, and it is still to be seen above the shop.

#### PENSIONS CASES DECLINE.

##### MANY MORE EX-SERVICEMEN EMPLOYED.

A substantial decline both in the number of cases dealt with and in the staff is shown in the fifth annual report of the Ministry of Pensions, dealing with the year ended March 31 last.

The number of awards of all kinds in force was 1,490,000, a decline of 290,000. The decline, it is stated, was almost entirely in the disablement awards, reflecting the success of the skilled medical and surgical treatment provided by the Ministry.

The staff of the Ministry was reduced during the year by 3,126, the total number of individuals employed being 22,919, of whom 1,304 were permanent civil servants. The total number of women was reduced during the year by 3,047. On the other hand, the number of ex-servicemen was increased by 315 to 12,337.

## WOMAN'S £10,000 WINDFALL.

### UNCLE'S FORTUNE.

#### NEWSVENDOR WHO NOW RIDES IN MOTOR-CAR.

A woman who was selling Sunday newspapers in Peterborough Market Place a fortnight ago is now riding about in a motor-car.

She is Mrs. Susannah Kennelly, who has suddenly come into a windfall of £10,000, left to her by an uncle.

Since March, 1922, Mrs. Kennelly, in order to supplement the wages of the household, consisting beside herself of her husband and five children, has engaged in selling newspapers on Sundays.

Just before Christmas she took home one of the Sunday papers and found an inquiry for the whereabouts of the relatives of Walter Williams, of South Wales.

"My father's sister," said Mrs. Kennelly, to "The People" representative, "married Walter Williams, who left London some years ago for South Wales. They had no family, and I knew there would be something to come when they died."

#### MRS. KENNELLY'S PLANS.

"I wrote to the firm mentioned in the newspaper, and they wrote back enclosing forms to be signed, and these I forwarded to London. They told me my share in the property amounted to nearly £10,000."

Mrs. Kennelly has now heard that her claim has been admitted. Asked about her plans for the future, Mrs. Kennelly replied, "Well, I have given up selling Sunday papers. I always said if ever I got enough money I would set up my husband, who is a bit of an agricultural mechanic, with some tools of his own."

"I have already ordered from a firm at Leeds two engines, a plough and cultivator, water-cart, and van."

"My next step is to buy a motor-car, and my husband can drive me to where the tackle is being used. I have a car waiting for me at the door now to take me into town to transact some business, so you must excuse me."

#### REAL PUNCH!

##### Comicalities in and out of Court.

**OPTIMISM.**  
In Shoreditch County Court an out-of-work judgment debtor said: "I have great pleasure in offering £3 every quarter, as I have great prospects of work this year." The offer was accepted.

**ANNOYING!**  
"Why can't these people leave me in peace? I've enough to do to keep a wife and three children, without being bothered by these people," said a debtor sued at Bow County Court for £2 for groceries supplied.

**WELSHMAN'S RELIGION.**  
"What is your religion? Are you a Roman Catholic or a Protestant?" asked Bailie Malcolm, Dundee, when putting a woman on probation for breach of the peace.

"I dunna ken what that is," replied the accused. "I'm Scotch; in fact, I'm Hielan."

**UNOBSERVANT.**  
When a woman witness was asked by the clerk at Cardiff Police Court the number of the house in which she lived she sent a shrill query to the body of the court: "What number is it, Bert?" "Bert," though her lodger, was unable to supply the information.

The Clerk: How long have you been living there?  
Witness: Six months.

The Clerk: And you do not know the number of your house?  
Witness: Well, I haven't noticed it.

#### PIT PONY'S JUMP.

##### COLLIERY ENGINEER CRUSHED TO DEATH.

A remarkable colliery accident was described at an inquest at Cliffridd, Pontypridd, Glamorgan.

A pony was being taken to the stables when its hoofs were touched by a haulage rope. The pony leapt into the underground engine-room, where it stopped momentarily with its forelegs between the winding drum and the engine. When the drum moved forward the pony followed until its forelegs were on top, but as the engine stopped the pony jumped sideways and crushed the engineman against the wall, causing injuries from which he died.

While the engineman, William Jenkins, 26, was being moved, the pony remained trembling in the corner, but when arrangements were being made for its removal the pony made a remarkable jump from its position. With low head room it cleared the drum, 4 ft. 6 in. high, in a jump more than 4 ft. in length.

A verdict of death from shock was returned.

#### MEMORIAL PEAL.

To the memory of their son, the late Hon. Francis Geoffrey Pearson, who was killed in France in September, 1914, Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray have placed in the Water Tower at Paddockhurst, Worth, Sussex, a three-dial clock 6 ft. in diameter with twelve chimes, and a peal of eight bells.

On the tenor bell, which weighs 25 cwt., is inscribed: "May this peal succeed in conveying to its hearers that hope, happiness, contentment, and reverence which bells well rung should give."

#### JEW DRUG-TAKER.

When John Jacobs pleaded guilty at Croydon to unlawfully obtaining morphine, a solicitor said he believed it was the first case of a Jew taking drugs. Jacobs was said to have obtained the drug by describing himself as a veterinary surgeon, and saying he wanted it for racehorses.

His solicitor quoted a statement at a recent medical conference, that a Jew had never been known to take drugs.

Jacobs, who was described as a former roller-skating champion, was sentenced to six months in the second division.

## BEVAN AND HIS PARTNERS.

### BANKRUPTCY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A sitting was held in the London Bankruptcy Court for the public examination of Gerard Lee Bevan, who is now serving a seven years' sentence for fraud, and his partners in the business of Ellis and Co., stock and share brokers, the Hon. Reginald Ailwyn Fellowes, and Messrs. Neville Forth O'Brien, Frederick Edward Owen Tootal, and Harold Holcombe Gordon.

A statement of affairs submitted by the partners other than Bevan showed gross liabilities £2,557,292, and an estimated deficiency in assets of £1,151,884.

In answer to Mr. Walter Boyle, Official Receiver, Mr. O'Brien said that in 1919, in spite of a loss of £80,000 through defaulting clients, and of a further loss of £100,000 advanced by Bevan to another company in 1913, the firm was perfectly solvent.

Since the crash same he discovered that in 1921 speculative accounts in shares in the City Equitable were opened by Mr. Pirie, a former manager, who became a salaried partner. He presumed that was done on the authority of Bevan, and he (Mr. O'Brien) was not aware of it.

#### MOROSITY CLAUSE.

In answer to Mr. Boyle, Mr. O'Brien said that the partnership deed did not contain the usual arbitration clause for dealing with partnership disputes.

Bevan stated that he had deliberately omitted an arbitration clause from the deed.

Mr. O'Brien added that of the firm's unsecured liabilities (£474,628) only £29,372 was owing to clients of the partners other than Bevan. Bevan and Mr. Pirie were responsible for the balance.

About £11,240 of the book debts were owing by clients of the four partners other than Bevan, while the amount owing to the firm from clients of Bevan or Pirie was £860,000.

The examination of the four partners was concluded, and on the application of the Official Receiver the examination of Bevan was adjourned with liberty to him to apply to restore it to the list when he had lodged a statement of affairs.

#### £2,000,000 DEAL ECHO.

##### SHIPS THAT WERE SOLD TO GREEK SUBJECT.

A shipping deal involving over £2,000,000 formed the subject of four actions in the Admiralty Division.

The deal had been made by the Shipping Controller with Mr. Nicolas E. Ambatielos, a Greek, domiciled in Paris. Possession of four Greek ships—Ambatielos, Cephalonia, Panagia, and Nicola—was now claimed by the Board of Trade, and also judgment for amounts alleged to be due under certain mortgage deeds and deeds of covenant connected with the sale of nine ships to Mr. Ambatielos in 1919.

Mr. Ambatielos pleaded that he had already paid £1,600,000 of the purchase, that most of the vessels were not delivered on the contract dates, and that on balance the Crown owed him more than his indebtedness, if any, to the Board of Trade.

Mr. Justice Hill found for the Board on all issues.

An order was made for the appointment and sale of the Ambatielos, Cephalonia, and Panagia (already under arrest), and a declaration that the Board was entitled to possession of the Nicola.

#### PARADISE LOST.

##### INSPECTOR'S TALE OF SQUALOR AND OVERCROWDING.

Rooms occupied by a policeman named Lee and his family in Paradise-road, Clapham, which, it was said, were far from living up to the name, were the subject of an action at Lambeth.

Seven children slept in an old bed, with no proper bedclothes, said a sanitary inspector. The basement was full of rubbish, and the other rooms were dirty.

Another tenant told how, when her daughter-in-law was lying ill, Mrs. Lee shouted: "Isn't she dead yet? We'll have to put a tune on to cheer her up to Heaven."

Refusing to make an order for possession, Judge Parry said that if Mrs. Lee was an annoyance in this house, she would annoy other people in her next. He warned the policeman to keep his house—and his wife—in order.

#### POLICE STATION CHIMNEY.

##### COMEDY OF SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

James Hibbert, the station sergeant of the Alderhot civil police, was charged with allowing the chimney of the police office to be on fire. Supt. Davis prosecuted.

When the case was proved the magistrate asked: "Who is responsible for the police station?"

"I am," replied Supt. Davis, "but it would have looked ridiculous if I had summoned myself. Supt. Hibbert is a man of good character, and I hope you will deal leniently with him."

The magistrate, still appearing to think that Supt. Davis should have summoned himself, dismissed the case on payment of costs.

#### 13 IN TWO ROOMS.

A case of overcrowding was reported to Market Bosworth Rural Council, where in two bedrooms 13 ft. 6 in. by 8 ft. 6 in. and 8 ft. 10 in. by 8 ft. 6 in. were sleeping 13 persons, seven adults and six children.

Thus, said the Sanitary Inspector, had been brought about by the tenant bringing in a woman and four children to live there. The inspector was authorised to serve notice.

#### LIP SALVE.

A young miner against whom his wife applied unsuccessfully for a separation order at Sunderland, was said by her to have caused all the domestic trouble by spending money on face cream and lip salve for himself.

She asked that married men should not be made up.

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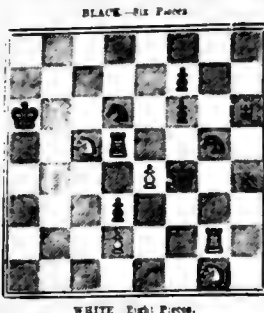
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PROBLEM NO. 52.  
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BLACK—Six Pawns.  
White Eight Pieces.

White to move.  
Solutions to Problem No. 51 by H. A. Watson, Key move 1 Q-B3.

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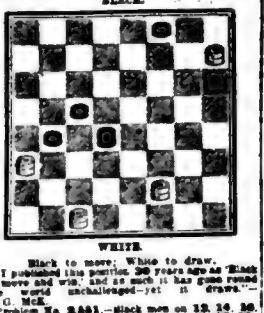


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DRAUGHTS  
By J. M. ROBERTS



PROBLEM NO. 2555.  
By D. G. McKEVIE (Glasgow).  
BLACK.

White to move. White to draw.

Answers to Problem No. 2555. White to draw. Solutions to Problem No. 2555. White to draw.

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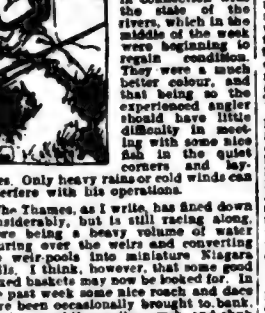
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Large numbers of anglers are expected out during the next few days, providing nothing untoward happens in connection with the state of the river, which in the middle of the week was beginning to show signs of improvement.

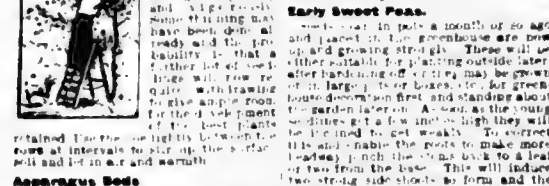
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The club, which has water on the bank, has been fishing for some time. The first of the season is now being made at the club.

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ABOUT THE WEEK'S GARDENING. HINTS TO POULTRY KEEPERS

AMONG THE VEGETABLES.



Broccoli and Late Cauliflower. The autumn crop of these vegetables is now being harvested. The plants should be kept in good health by regular watering and weeding.

Early Peas and Beans. These vegetables are now being sown. The plants should be kept in good health by regular watering and weeding.

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## NOVICE WITH A PUNCH: QUICK VICTORY AT N.S.C.

### CARPENTIER WINS WORDY FIGHT WITH SIKI.

By far the most interesting item at the National Sporting Club on Monday last was a contest scheduled for 10 rounds between Joe Rolfe, Bermondsey, and Jack Blackborow, Newport. Interesting, because it furnished a contestant who has just risen from the novice ranks. I am referring to Rolfe. The bout came on late in the evening, but word had been passed round that it would be worth waiting for, despite the opinion held by many that the contest would be too one-sided to be considered a match. A novice opposed to a champion!

At least, Rolfe was a novices' welter-weight competitor at the club in November last, and a month later was given a contest with Tommy Williams, Camberwell, and the novice created a big surprise by stopping Williams in the first round. Williams never recovered from the left hook to the chin.

About this time, Rolfe was good enough to travel 20 rounds with champion Seaman Hall. Following this bout Blackborow crossed over to Ireland to knock out the Irish welter champion, Mick Ronan, in four rounds. Within one week he gathered the class of man in front of the novice on Monday night.

And just for the first minute of the bout it was thought that Blackborow's class would tell. He had Rolfe on the retreat, and was following up. Suddenly the novice tumbled right about which there was no mistake, and down went the Welshman for a count of 8. Covering up, Blackborow tried to stall, but the Londoner was wasting no punches, and a left hook splendidly timed sent the Welshman to the floor again. All was over now but shouting, and after up-setting Blackborow a fourth time the contest was stopped in favour of the cool-headed novice.

Rolfe might turn out to be the least discovery of recent years, but it is rather too early in the day to predict his future. On his form again Blackborow, the Bermondsey man, is the goods. I was an "in" bet with Rolfe's victory as I was when I saw Walter Croft, Leytonstone, beat Joe Bennett, Deptford, and George Winter, Rotherhithe, defeat the famous Brum, Nunc Wallace.

**MOORE V. MOODY.**  
Pride of place on the club's card was given to the 15 rounds middle-weight bout between Frank Moody, Pontypool, and Ted Moore, Plymouth. The elegant stance of a boxer is not the only thing needed to gain a decision in the ring. Were it not for Moody would have been returned a winner on Monday night. As it was, Moody lost on points. Moore won the fight and the award by reason of his scoring at close range, and he wasn't "down the course" in the very heavy punch, but each displayed some fairly good skill, Moore doing his share in an awkward sort of way. He was clever in countering Moody's left leads, and scored many number of times with a right uppercut to the body. Moody might have been out of this had he left his better lined. On this account the majority of Moody's lefts failed to score as clean hits, and only served to illustrate how often an aim can be spent. In the early rounds the Welshman made good by means of some open

exchanges, but in the sixth session Moore started to duck inside, and from thence onward more he held his own. Forcing the fight, Moore became a trifle careless in the last three rounds, in each of which he received a right cross on the chin. Possibly he was shaken badly in the last few seconds of the bout, but he showed no signs of weakness when, after the decision had been given, he walked across the ring to shake hands with the vanquished.

Georges Carpentier scored a victory on Monday last when the French Boxing Federation gave its decision of the Carpentier-Siki match fought in September last. Georges is acquitted of all charges of "fake," but the report of the committee of inquiry goes on to say that "it is regrettable, however, that there were incidents connected with the case which will appear to many to support Siki's charges."

Siki, it will be recalled, did not speak of an "understanding" with Georges until some time after the fight, and probably the Senegalese would not have spoken at all but for the fact of his suspension for unsportsmanlike behaviour when acting as a second to Baisac, the French middle-weight.

But once having brought the charge, Siki has kept it up ever since, and his manager did not mince matters when he told the Federation on Monday last that the match was "a piece of the floor again." Siki heard the last of Siki's accusations, and the negro's manager says he will have the whole subject reopened on Feb. 15, when Siki's case against the French Federation will come before a court of law. Siki, it is understood, is taking action on the grounds that he is suspended for unsportsmanlike behaviour when acting as a second to Baisac, the French middle-weight.

There is little doubt, however, that the Senegalese will find an opening to introduce his alleged understanding with Georges, for he is understood to have some strong supporters in France, and proved himself a draw when fulfilling a recent engagement at a Paris music-hall.

**MOTIGUE BEATS REVE.**  
Mick Motigue is going the wrong way to work to fix up contests with our European champions. Mick finishes his opponent in the first round, and is not encouraging for the others to fall into line. Motigue's latest win was at Liverpool on Monday, and Harry Reve was the victim in the third round. Bill Handley, Hackney, beat Joe Goodwin, Bermondsey, in two rounds at the Ring on Monday night. The same day at Boston Baths Tom Berry, Custom House, beat Jim Riddout, Ipswich. Joe Bloomfield, Soho, beat Sid Turner, Kilburn, in 15 rounds at Walham Green on Wednesday. George McKennie, of Leith, forced Johnny Curley, Limerick, to retire at the end of the first round at the Ring on Thursday night. Scott's upright style and straight clean hitting was all too much for the crouch and swings of Curley. Each man in turn had his bad time, but McKennie was the quicker to recover. The Scot is a very ambitious youth, and it is his intention to retire to the South for a while in order to get plenty of practice. First of all he must rid himself of the habit of leaving his chin wide open, for there are plenty of other fighters who can hit much harder than Curley.

**COURT OUT.**  
Arthur and Knight, were fined £2, and ordered to pay Billy's expenses (£50), the secretary (J. Robinson) being suspended till the end of the season.

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## CAUGHT BY THE HEELS.

### PLAYER DRAGGED ALONG THE GROUND.

An alleged offence against "Smooty" Bentley, the 11-year-old son of a well-known footballer, formed the subject of a report forwarded by the Hampshire Football Association to the Football Association on Monday last. Bentley, who is a member of the Hampshire Football Association, was alleged to have been dragged along the ground by a player during a match at Gosport. Bentley, who is a member of the Hampshire Football Association, was alleged to have been dragged along the ground by a player during a match at Gosport.

Arthur Town was reported for playing J. Keeling, of Farnhill, in a capital at Gosport on Dec. 11, under another name. The secretary admitted this, and also agreed that they played another player, Handley, of Wotton, and did not deny that he sent in the teams as originally intended. The club was fined £2, and the referee, Mr. H. Carter, was suspended till the end of the season, each of the players being fined £10.

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## ARMED MAN TERRIFYING ESSEX.

### WOMAN FIRED AT.

#### "NO MONEY, SO YOU MUST SHOOT."

There is a reign of terror in the rural area of Essex at present caused by an armed robber, who apparently cares nothing for human life, but is careful to confine his outrages to houses in which there are only women or old people at the time.

His latest exploit was at Shenfield on Sunday night, and was marked by a callous disregard for the sufferings of a woman and her little 10-year-old son, who were alone in the house into which he had broken.

Mrs. F. Burgess, wife of a master at Brentwood Grammar School, who was away from home, had spent the evening at her father's house, next door, returning at seven o'clock and entering the house by the back door.

"Just at that moment I heard sounds in the hall," she says, "and, opening the kitchen door, I saw a man standing by the front door. I at once called out, 'Who is there?' and he replied, 'If you move, I shoot,' pointing a revolver at me as he spoke."

I stood petrified with fear at the foot of the stairs staring at the speaker. He was a man of medium height and wearing a grey overcoat, and he pulled over his eyes. His voice was cultivated. My little boy was behind me, and I stood keeping him away from the door as well as I could.

"Then the man rapped out, 'Give me all the money you have, or I will shoot you,' I said, 'There is no money in the house, so you must shoot me.' He took me at my word and fired. The shot whizzed past my head, hitting the wall. I slammed the kitchen door in his face, took up my boy, and fled to my father's house, where I was hidden.

Mrs. Burgess' father and two other relatives attempted to catch the man, but he had vanished.

Mrs. Burgess owes her remarkable escape from death to the fact that the revolver carried by the man is of a large calibre and the shot went high. He fired at her at point-blank range.

The desperado had ransacked the house as he had done another close by the same night, but had taken nothing, money seeming to be his sole object.

There is little doubt that it was the same man who last week fired at Mr. Joseph Wiggs, an old-age pensioner living near Epping, who pluckily repulsed him with a poker, striking him several times on the head. Mr. Wiggs described his visitor as: Slim build, height 5ft. 4in. to 5ft. 6in., small hands, wearing light brown jacket, an Army cardigan, dark trousers. He should have marks of the poker blows on his head.

The police are searching Epping Forest and the surrounding areas for the man, but the houses in the district are scattered over a large area and he would have little difficulty in evading them there.

## THE IRISH TOUCH!

### LONDON STATION "HELD-UP" BY ARMED ROBBERS.

Three armed men raided the railway booking office at West Norwood, London, just after midnight on Wednesday and got clear away with £350. They were followed by a large number of people, but they were surprised by the belated arrival of a train delayed by the fog and had to bolt without searching the office.

One of the raiders first went to the booking-office window and asked the clerk, Mr. J. Goldring, a question about the times of the trains to Windsor. As the clerk crossed the room to look up a timetable, another man appeared at the door and covered him with a revolver, threatening to shoot him if he made a noise, while the third raider came in and had started putting the day's takings into his pocket when the sound of the train caused the three to disappear hastily.

## GUNNING CRIME.

### ENGINEER'S FRAUD ON CAR CORPORATION.

A cunning crime, carefully planned and carried out, was the comment made by Judge Atherton Jones, K.C., at the Old Bailey, when passing sentence of 12 months' imprisonment in the second division on Albert John Lewis, who pleaded guilty to obtaining by false pretences £255 from the Car Corporation of Great Britain.

Mr. Travers Humphreys, for the prosecution, said that defendant was an automobile engineer, carrying on business at Tulse, near Stoke, Staffordshire. The corporation was a financial company which in approved cases found the money required for the purchase of motor vehicles, dealing through the trade.

Counsel described how defendant wrote to the corporation enclosing a proposal form for a car at a price of £375 in the name of Mr. Amos Kennerley, who was stated to have deposited £100.

The signature of Mr. Kennerley, however, was a forgery, for Mr. Kennerley, a gentleman of 77 years, who lived at Smallwood, Cheshire, knew nothing of the transaction.

The corporation, however, forwarded a cheque for defendant for the balance required for the purchase and also the insurance. The cheque was cashed and defendant took the proceeds, but when the first bill of exchange became due defendant had not the money to cover it, and it was then found out that Mr. Kennerley knew nothing about the transaction.

## COHEN'S ANXIOUS QUEST.

When William Cohen, of Newcastle, was summoned at Sunderland for driving a motor-car at excessive speed, his solicitor explained that Cohen was on his way to propose marriage.

As he was anxious to get the difficult business over, possibly he had driven too fast. The solicitor asked the Bench to be successful. The proposal had been successful.

The case was withdrawn on Cohen putting in the poor boy.

## GIRL DEFIES THREE ROBBERS.

### ARMED POST OFFICE RAIDERS ROUTED.

Plucky defiance on the part of a post office girl led to three robbers being routed from the Sandymount Post Office, Dublin.

Three youths entered the post office, produced revolvers, and, informing the girl in charge that they wanted all the cash on the premises, ordered her to put up her hands.

Despite repeated threats, she refused to do so, and, moving towards the window, knocked against the panes to attract attention.

The latter promptly came on the scene and bundled the raiders out of the office. Once outside they flew in panic.

## FIREMEN FALL FROM ENGINES.

### TWO PECULIAR ACCIDENTS ON THE LINE.

Two firemen have fallen from their engines on to the railway line in peculiar circumstances. Both men were injured. Platelayers at work in the fog on the permanent way of the Wimbledon to Croydon railway at Mitcham were astounded to see a man roll from a passing train into their midst.

As the train did not stop till it reached Merton Park Station, a short distance away, it is thought that the driver did not miss his mate till then. Fortunately the platelayers included an ambulance man, who rendered first aid.

The fireman, B. Thornhill, of Croydon, aged 30, was badly cut about the head and face, and was suffering from shock. Another accident of a similar nature occurred at Gordon-hill Station, Enfield, on the G.N. branch of the L. and N.E. Ry.

As a result Charles William Madison, whose home is at Ossers-rd., Barnsbury, is lying in a critical condition in Enfield War Memorial Hospital.

He was found unconscious on the station platform with terrible injuries. No one seems to have seen the occurrence, and how Madison, who is a fireman, met with his accident remains, up to the present, a mystery. The man is too ill to be able to explain what happened.

## FEARED EXPOSURE.

### ALLEGED INCOME TAX FRAUD CONFESSION.

Said to have confessed to overlooking false income tax statements, Ernest Frank Mathiason, of Springfield-rd., Wimbledon, was charged at the Guildhall, London, with conspiring with Edwy W. Robinson (now dead) to defraud the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

Mr. Sparkes, prosecuting, said the man called on Mr. R. W. Osler, an inspector of taxes and made a confession that the accounts he had certified were false.

Mr. Osler tried to stop the confession, but Mathiason said that the knowledge of the frauds had come to a third party who was in a position to expose him. He added, said Mr. Sparkes, that the aggregate discrepancies amounted to £2,000.

Later, he admitted that he had made a "slip" in his audit, for which he received £150 over his audit fee.

## CHILD'S THROAT CUT.

### MAMM'S ALLEGED ATTACK AT A PARTY.

Joseph Vernon Montague Scott, 30, an engineer, living with his father at Brooklyn House, Iffeld, Sussex, was charged at Horsham with attempting to murder Teresa Gordon, 7, living at Manor House, Iffeld.

It was stated that the child's throat was cut during a children's party at Brooklyn House. When the police called at the house Scott produced a bloodstained pocket knife, saying, "Is that what you want?" There were bloodstains, said a police officer, on his bedroom floor.

The magistrates remanded him for a week under medical observation.

It is alleged that the child, while playing hide-and-seek, went behind the curtains in a bedroom, and was afterwards found with her throat cut.

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

### STORY OF GRANDFATHER'S £50,000 LEGACY.

Alleged to have represented himself as a beneficiary under his grandfather's will to the amount of £50,000, George Wardley was committed for trial at Darwen on charges of uttering forged cheques and of feloniously obtaining £250 from a Darwen bank.

It was stated that Wardley borrowed £171 from men in Darwen, and afterwards produced cheques which were dishonoured, and that the bank advanced him £250 on the strength of his story.

Wardley's counsel said that the grandfather died two years ago, and inquiries had revealed no legacy.

## CHINAMAN'S "MEDICINE."

Swansea magistrates imposed a fine of £50 or the alternative of six months' imprisonment on Lee Chang (32), a Chinese seaman, who was charged with having been in possession of a quantity of opium for which he did not have a certificate.

Det.-gt. Tucker, who arrested defendant, stated that he said, "I want it for medicine. If I don't take it my eyesight will be affected."

Lee Chang, through an interpreter, pleaded guilty, and said he did not know the English law.

## "CAT" FOR BLACKGUARD.

Twelve months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the "cat" was the sentence passed at the Old Bailey on Charles Barnard, aged 39, a motor-driver, who was found guilty of living on immoral earnings.

A police officer proved several previous convictions against the defendant for similar offences and described Barnard as "the biggest blackguard I knew."

## NEW MICROBES ON THE LOOSE.

### MYSTERY DISEASE, FIRST THREE CASES.

As the result of a new mystery microbe called "Bacillus tularemia" getting out of hand at the Lister Institute, Chesham, three persons were infected with "tularemia," a little-known disease, for the first time in the history of British research.

The victims, fortunately, have recovered, but it has been deemed inadvisable to continue propagation of the germ.

It is not known how the infection of the three victims occurred. It has been found impossible to confine the culture to a test tube, and it has had to be studied from an inoculated animal.

It is thought that the infection may have been conveyed by the bite of an insect which had been in contact with the animal.

During investigations in America the microbe "tularemia" in ground squirrels and rabbits. Farmers and rabbit skinner were discovered to be affected by it, particularly at harvest time.

## RARELY FATAL.

"The characteristic symptoms of the disease are a low fever, from which there is a protracted and tedious recovery," said Dr. Scott, one of the victims, in the course of an interview. "No special treatment is known for it; there have been some



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## SINGULAR EVIDENCE IN CRIPPLE GIRL'S SUIT.

### OUTBURST BY CO-RESPONDENT'S FATHER.

He often reminded his wife that she was a cripple, and would compare her with women who were not so afflicted. He composed a rhyme about her which he was in the habit of singing as follows:

Has anyone seen my Peggy O'Flynn?  
It is no joke, her nose is broken.  
And one eye is in a sling.  
She hops around on her wooden leg  
And the sight of it makes me cry.  
She makes a round hole in the mud as she goes,  
And that's what you tell her by.

Such was part of the remarkable story told by Mrs. Dorothy Margaret Wooff, when she asked Justice Horridge to grant her a divorce from her husband, Frederick Wooff, a wine and spirit merchant, of New King's-road, Fulham, S.W. London, on the ground of alleged cruelty and misconduct.

Mr. Wooff counter-claimed his wife with misconduct with William H. Sennett, a motor engineer, of Surbiton, Surrey. All the allegations were denied.

Mr. J. B. Matthews, K.C., for Mrs. Wooff, said the marriage was in June, 1919, the bride being a girl of 18 and her husband about 30. The alleged cruelty commenced in the following September.

Mrs. Wooff, giving particulars of the cruelty charges, said her husband in 1919 taunted her into trying to learn to ride a motor-cycle. He pulled her arm and she cashed into a tree, but injuries were slight, stating the amputation of her right leg.

She repeatedly asked him to supply her with an artificial one, and he refused, saying she was not worth it.

**FAINTING WITNESS.**  
Cross-examined by Mr. W. O. Willis, for the husband, Mrs. Wooff admitted that on an occasion when she did so in the name of "Mrs. Sennett," Mr. Sennett did not stay at the hotel. She was now staying at Victoria-ave., Surbiton, at the house of a Mr. Sinclair, a friend of her husband and herself.

Mr. Willis, who also lives there, said Mr. Sennett sleeps there.

Then you and Sennett have been under the same roof for a fortnight? Yes.

Mr. Willis asked Mrs. Wooff if it was her suggestion that her husband pushed her off the motor-cycle when she had her accident.

She said it was. He was suffering from the effects of drink.

Mr. Willis: Have you ever kissed Mr. Sennett? Yes. In my husband's presence and at his request. (Laughter.)

During the cross-examination Mrs. Wooff broke down and cried two or three times.

Miss Grace Mary Marsh, a grey-haired woman, called on subpoena, said she was in charge of the house while Mrs. Wooff was in hospital.

The witness faintly while being questioned, and the judge said her evidence could be reported later.

**A DOCTOR'S FEEL.**  
Dr. Andrew Mackenzie Ross Sinclair, of New King's-road, Parson's Green, was then called. He told the judge he had been subpoenaed by both sides, but he had not received his fee from either.

Mr. Matthews: Are you a Scotsman, sir? (Laughter.)—I am, but I am not a Jew. And I have "had some." (Laughter.)

His fee, he said, was £10 10s. a day, or part of a day, and he had had to do a surgeon to do his work that day.

Dr. Sinclair was saying it was very inconvenient for him to come, when the judge interposed sternly. "I don't care if it is inconvenient or not. It is a doctor's duty to come when called to the court, but they have to come."

An official said the fee for doctors other than specialists was £5 5s. per day.

Dr. Sinclair: I claim to be a specialist.

Justice Horridge: He seems to me about as greedy a doctor as I have ever come across. He must have his £10 10s.

Dr. Sinclair then gave evidence as to being consulted by both Mrs. Wooff and her husband.

The witness Marsh continued her evidence when the case was resumed on the second day. She was asked if the signature on a letter that had references to a divorce was hers, of an amputee, and cannot see it, she replied.

"I think you can," interposed Justice Horridge. "I am not at all impressed by the fact you are giving your evidence."

Mr. Matthews then led Miss Marsh his own piece to enable her to see the signature.

After Mrs. Wooff's mother had given evidence in support of her daughter's allegations, the husband was called for the defence.

**HUSBAND'S DENIALS.**  
Mr. Wooff, referring to the motor-cycle incident, said his wife wanted to drive. He made no attempt to compel her. It was not true that he caused the accident. He shielded his wife because she was driving without a licence.

Judge: She would never have been summoned for getting on a machine to learn to drive without a licence. That is too far fetched.

Mr. Willis: I am surprised to hear your lordship say that.

Justice Horridge: I am not impressed by the fact that you are surprised, but it is not the right way to address me.

Counsel: I apologise, my lord.

Mr. Wooff also denied "making game" of his wife. The rhyme of which his wife complained was merely a joke. His wife played music while the other sang it.

Mr. Wooff went on to say that in November, 1921, he went to the garage at Richmond where Sennett kept his car, and found Sennett and Mrs. Wooff there. He took his coat off, and said: "Look here, Sennett, what about it?"

Sennett, he alleged, picked up a sparrow and ran down the Twickenham-road, shouting "Police!" and returned with a sergeant and a constable.

Since the petition had been presented Sennett and Mrs. Wooff had frequently driven past his shop, the husband declared, and looked their motor-horn and jeered at him.

**"BAGS OF BEER."**  
Asked if he was a heavy drinker, Mr. Wooff replied, "Not more than ordinary."

Counsel read a letter which the husband wrote his wife from Farnham, Kent, in which he sent kind regards to "Bill" (Sennett), and alluding to the place, said, "Good roads, good beer."

Mr. Wooff: Yes, bags of beer. (Laughter.)

William Harrison Sennett, of Dun-kald-st., Liverpool, father of co-respondent, said that in September, 1922, his son William told him he was staying at the Washington Hotel with his wife. Witness went there and was introduced by his son to Mrs. Wooff, who was in bed. His son called Mrs. Wooff "Peggy" and said they had been married two years.

Ultimately the couple went to live at witness's house, sleeping together in the next room to witness. The following November, continued Mr. Sennett, senior, he met Mrs. Wooff at Liverpool and taxed her with taking his daughter to London. Although he had made every effort to see his daughter Mabel, he had not seen her since.

He also allowed a younger daughter, Gladys, to accompany his son and Mrs. Wooff to London, but on learning that his son and Mrs. Wooff were not married he had sent her back.

**FATHER'S OUTBURST.**  
Mr. Matthews: You do not ask your son why he played the trick of telling you he was married? No, I won't have any more to do with him. We haven't been on good terms for some years.

Not all rather a good quarrel over a motor-car?—Yes, and we haven't finished with it yet.

"I am ashamed to own him as a son," exclaimed Mr. Sennett, "because he has been a villain ever since he has been with me. That's him sitting there. He may think he is very clever, but there is nothing clever in him."

The judge questioned the witness, and after one of his replies observed, "You ought to be more intelligent than that, coming from Lancashire." (Laughter.)

Witness said he suggested that his son and Mrs. Wooff had together been instrumental in getting Mabel away to prevent her giving evidence. William Harrison Sennett, the co-respondent, denying misconduct with Mrs. Wooff, he said that while Mrs. Wooff occupied a room at the Washington Hotel he stayed with relatives in another part of the hotel.

When he took Mrs. Wooff to his father's house she slept upstairs and he slept in the drawing room downstairs.

His lordship: You knew these proceedings were coming on and you would be charged with misconduct, and you let your father be under the impression that you were married to her?—Yes.

His lordship said he believed the evidence of the wife. He was forced to the conclusion, although he had struggled against it, that misconduct took place between the wife and Sennett at the house of Sennett's father. The husband would be granted a decree nisi if the wife's petition would be dismissed.

**LOVE THAT TURNED.**  
WOMAN WHO REFUSED TO BE FOOLED.  
That the husband had tried, unsuccessfully, to "fool" his wife was the assertion made by counsel for the wife when Mrs. Elizabeth King was granted a decree nisi by her husband, William Harold King.

Counsel, Mr. Lewey, said Mr. King had made so-called attempts to resume cohabitation but he would ask the court to say that the wife was right in making them not bona fide.

Mr. King said she was married in October, 1922, and lived at Forest Hill, East Dulwich, South London. There were no children. Her husband was in the Army during the war, and after his demobilisation they lived together until April, 1919.

He received the out-of-work dole, and witness was employed at a hospital, spending the weekends with her husband.

In May, 1919, she received a letter from her husband in which he said his love "had turned in another direction," and she went to an address in Portland-road, Nunhead, where she found her husband living with another woman. "Mr. King opened the door and said he was very sorry but I must go away," said Mrs. King.

In November, 1920, continued Mrs. King, her husband wrote her again, saying the other woman was dead. He threatened to go back to her at the hospital if she did not. In consequence, she agreed to meet him, and he then admitted that the other woman was still alive.

She desired to return and, later, learned that her husband and the other woman were living together at an address near the Elephant and Castle, South London. Again, in September, 1921, her husband wrote inviting her to go and see him at Fulham Buildings, Tower-st., E.C.

She did not do so until June, 1922, when she found a woman who passed as Mrs. King nursing a baby. Her husband came in later and asked her what she thought of the baby.

## TIED OF HER £17,000 COUNTRY HOUSE.

### WIFE AND ADJUTANT

In granting a decree nisi to Mr. Reginald John Morrison, of Pitt House, Chudleigh, near Exeter, the Divorce President, Sir Henry Duke, ordered that the agreed damages of £2,000 be paid into Court within 14 days.

Mrs. Morrison alleged misconduct between his wife, Barbara Gladys, and Captain Victor Beaufort, of Idlesleigh House, Exeter.

Co-respondent, who is adjutant of the 4th Devon (Territorial) Regt., was said counsel, a man of means, who drove a motor-car, hunted, and rode in point-to-point races. He was generally described as "a gentleman of education and position."

His lordship, after listening to the evidence, said the case was a bad one. He granted Mr. Morrison the custody of the one child of the marriage.

Mr. Bayford, K.C., for the husband, stated that the marriage took place in 1913. Mr. Morrison being 28, and his wife 22. Mr. Morrison was also a man of means.

In February, 1920, when his wife expressed a wish for Pitt House, he purchased with some land, for about £17,000. In 1920 they were introduced to Captain Beaufort, a married man, who lived at Exeter and became a frequent visitor to the house.

**ADMITTED MISCONDUCT.**  
In 1921 Mr. Morrison frequently went away, as he said, to stay with friends or relatives at Torquay and elsewhere. In August last year she said she was tired of Chudleigh, and when her husband questioned her she admitted misconduct with Captain Beaufort.

It now appeared that on the occasions when she said she had stayed with friends or relatives she had in fact stayed with Captain Beaufort at hotels at Torquay and elsewhere.

**A NIGHT SCENE.**  
STORY OF NEGLECT AND CRUELTY.  
At first my husband drank slowly, but towards the end he became a confirmed drunkard. The scenes made by Mrs. Margaret Wright, who was granted a decree of judicial separation because of the cruelty of her husband, Mr. Arthur Wright.

Mr. Wright told a story of married unhappiness. They were married at the end of 1913, she said, and lived at the Tabor Hotel, Bath-road, Bedford Park, West London.

She was manageress there. He had never paid a penny towards her support. His cruel conduct affected her health. In June, 1914, she had to protest against his going into the bars of the hotel, as his drunken condition might jeopardise her position. He threatened to throw her out of the business.

The judge: What was your salary as manageress?—It averaged £200 a year.

When her child came, added Mrs. Wright, her husband refused to contribute towards the expenses, although he then held the post of manager to a wine merchant.

In October, 1916, he joined the Army, taking up his military duties at a sergeant's mess in New Oxford-st., which enabled him to sleep at every night. Although he obtained a separation allowance for her, said witness, she only received it for two weeks.

**HEALTH AFFECTED.**  
Towards the end of 1918, said Mrs. Wright, as she was feeling the strain of her husband's conduct, she became ill, which he declined to do. In November, 1918, she was ill of pneumonia, and had to pay all the expenses of a stay at Eastbourne herself. Again she begged her husband to provide a home, but he did nothing.

In March, 1919, he was discharged from the Army and became manager of a grocery business. Later he obtained a position at the Ministry of Pensions, worth £300 a year. Owing to the state of his health, she pressed him to make a home on many occasions, but he did nothing at all. He continued to drink.

From June, 1921, they occupied separate rooms. Frequently he threatened to take away the child, and one night there was a scene because he had the child to sleep with him.

Witness protested, as her husband was not in a fit state.

When she went to the door of his room to put her own room. Her brother, who lost an arm in the war, intervened, and Mr. Wright struck him.

"He was always in a state of stupor from drink," adding that her husband left the hotel in July, 1922, after a threat of proceedings against him.

A doctor who attended the wife corroborated about the effect of her husband's conduct on her health, and added that since Mrs. Wright had been away from Mr. Wright her health had much improved.

**IN JERUSALEM.**  
When Mrs. Julian Jane Morris, of Wetherby gardens, Earls Court, was granted a decree nisi in an unconcealed suit it was stated that her husband, Horace Malcolm Vernon Morris, an officer, is now in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Morris stated that she was married in April, 1912, and 10 years later obtained a restitution order against her husband because he declined to live with her.

He had not obeyed the decree, and in consequence she commenced the present proceedings.

Bernard Joseph, an advocate practising in Jerusalem, proved by affidavit the serving of the restitution decree and divorce papers on the husband in Jerusalem.

Miss Maude Macdonald, formerly a clerk at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, gave evidence that in October, 1921, Mr. Morris and a woman stayed at the hotel as man and wife.

Similar evidence was given by a chambermaid.

"I have never stayed at the Grand Hotel in my life," said Mrs. Morris.

## TRAGEDY FOLLOWS ORDER.

### POISON INJECTIONS.

On the day following the granting to his wife of a decree of restitution of conjugal rights, Mr. E. W. Nelson, scientific superintendent of the Marine Laboratory of the Fishery Board at Bay of Nigg, Aberdeen, was found dead in his office.

Death had apparently been caused by the injection of a deadly poison into the artery of one of his legs.

The following letters read during the hearing of the wife's suit in the Divorce Court on Monday indicate the unhappy relationship that existed between husband and wife.

In a letter in which she expressed her willingness to join her husband at Aberdeen, the wife wrote:—

"My dear Marjorie, I am writing to ask whether there is any prospect of our coming together again. On my part I am prepared to let bygones be bygones, and to do whatever I can to make our lives happy, but they have been during the last two or three years, and to forgive and forget."

The husband's reply was:—

"Dear Violet, I have been a long time considering your letter, but I wish to give this matter very serious thought. If I believed that coming together again could possibly lead to anything but further unhappiness I would gladly agree, if only for Barbara's sake."

He cannot, however, believe this, and must therefore refuse your request. I cannot tell you how sorry I am that things have turned out like this, and can only blame myself."

Mr. Nelson, who was 48 years of age, was a member of Captain Scott's last Antarctic expedition. He was a noted biologist and previously to going to Aberdeen was engaged by the Marine Biological Association at Plymouth.

**JIM'S BELOVEDEST.**  
LOVERS WHO WERE CAUGHT NAPPING.  
Although the wife had cross-charged her husband with connivance and desertion, she did not now contest the proceedings, said counsel for Mr. Percy Thomas Johnson, an estate agent, of North-gate, Regent's Park, who sought a divorce from his wife, Catherine Johnson, with a married name.

Misconduct was alleged between the wife and Leonard E. Green. Mr. Johnson said he was married in August, 1905, and they afterwards lived at Avenue House, St. John's Wood. He was called up as a National Serviceman in 1915, and was stationed in various places around London.

He heard rumours in 1919 in consequence of which he declined to cohabit with his wife who had taken a situation in a hotel, which co-respondent was the secretary.

In March, 1920, after being demobilised, he found that his wife and co-respondent were staying at a Hotel. Mrs. Johnson afterwards admitted a divorce decree against her, which she called up as a National Serviceman in 1915, and was stationed in various places around London.

On a blotter he found impressions of two addresses of co-respondent, as an agent in Great Portland-st., W., and another at Heath-rd., Kensington.

Mrs. Gertrude Phillips Green of Coverdale-rd., Shepherd's Bush, West London, wife of the co-respondent, stated that last December she obtained a divorce decree against her husband on the grounds of cruelty and misconduct, the latter being with Mrs. Johnson.

This witness identified the letters from Jim as being in her husband's handwriting with a married name.

Mr. E. Berg, a friend of the parties, told how in September last he went to an address in Campden Hill-gate, Kensington, with Mrs. Green and her father, and found Mrs. Johnson and her husband in the room, sleeping in the same room together.

Evidence from the Duke Hotel, Hove, was also called, and the Court pronounced a decree nisi with costs and custody of the child.

**HUSBAND IN MESOPOT.**  
CHANGE AFTER TWO YEARS' SEPARATION.  
The story of an officer whose conduct towards his wife changed after taking up an appointment in Mesopotamia was told when Mrs. Louisa Geraldine Puckle, of Marles-rd., Kensington, was granted a decree nisi on account of the cruelty and misconduct of her husband. There was no defence.

Mrs. Puckle said the marriage took place in 1918, and she went to live with her husband, Major Frederick Kaye Puckle, at Westminster.

In 1919 her husband was appointed to Mesopotamia. When he returned in 1921 she noticed a change in his demeanour.

He did not live with her, and she accused him of endeavouring to get him to return but without success. On June 18, 1922, she obtained a decree of restitution of conjugal rights against him. He never obeyed the order.

Evidence was given that Major Puckle and a woman stayed at a Paddington Hotel.

Two women rose in the body of Justice Horridge's Court, when the latter called out "Wright v. Wright," and entered the witness box together.

Hurried consultations between counsel and officials followed.

It was discovered that two women petitioners, one asking for a divorce, the other for a judicial separation, had entered the witness box together.

Ultimately counsel sorted out the puzzle of which was which, and one of the women left the other in undisturbed possession of the box.

"Now," said Justice Horridge, "we have got the right Mrs. Wright."

## BANNS UNDER FALSE NAME.

### BIGAMOUS MARRIAGE NOW "LEGAL."

An intervention by the King's Proctor to show cause why a decree nisi, granted to John Henry Small, on July 16, 1922, should not be made absolute, was heard by Sir Henry Duke, sitting with Mr. J. B. Matthews, K.C., for the King's Proctor, said the alleged marriage was by banns in September, 1916, at Hove. The names of the parties were given as John Henry Small and May Taylor.

The man's real name was John Henry Smallwood, and he deserted from the R.F.A. and joined the Army Veterinary Corps in a changed name. He got respondent to put up the banns of marriage in the wrong name, which they both knew to be false.

Counsel added that under a statute of George IV, a marriage by banns in a false name with the knowledge of both of the parties was void. After the alleged marriage they lived at Hove. In December, 1917, May Small went through another ceremony of marriage at the West Ham Register Office with a man named Alan Fisher, with whom she lived, and for this she was sentenced for bigamy.

Small took proceedings for divorce, and obtained a decree. The King's Proctor made inquiries, and ascertained that the man had been living with another woman and also learned of the circumstances of the alleged marriage.

Mr. Tyndale (for petitioner) said he did not contest the allegations of the King's Proctor.

Finally, counsel pointed out that the effect of the first marriage being illegal was to leave the woman legally married to the second man.

Sir Henry Duke held the first ceremony to be void and discharged the petitioner, but, petitioner, being the cause of the trouble, to pay the costs.

## CONCERT PARTY MEETING.

### PARK PEACE OVERTURES WHICH FAILED.

As a sequel to a woman singer's friendship with the pianist of a concert party, Mr. Justice Horridge granted a decree nisi with £500 damages to Walter R. Hyde Park, but he could not make up her mind. He also tried to get Knight to agree to see no more of her.

Subsequently, continued Mr. Johnson, he went to where his wife lived in London, and found in her bag a letter which read: "Beloved, I wonder what you are doing. Tomorrow we go to Margate. Kiss me beloved, and love me, Jim."

On a blotter he found impressions of two addresses of co-respondent, as an agent in Great Portland-st., W., and another at Heath-rd., Kensington.

Mrs. Gertrude Phillips Green of Coverdale-rd., Shepherd's Bush, West London, wife of the co-respondent, stated that last December she obtained a divorce decree against her husband on the grounds of cruelty and misconduct, the latter being with Mrs. Johnson.

This witness identified the letters from Jim as being in her husband's handwriting with a married name.

Mr. E. Berg, a friend of the parties, told how in September last he went to an address in Campden Hill-gate, Kensington, with Mrs. Green and her father, and found Mrs. Johnson and her husband in the room, sleeping in the same room together.

Evidence from the Duke Hotel, Hove, was also called, and the Court pronounced a decree nisi with costs and custody of the child.

**HUSBAND IN MESOPOT.**  
CHANGE AFTER TWO YEARS' SEPARATION.  
The story of an officer whose conduct towards his wife changed after taking up an appointment in Mesopotamia was told when Mrs. Louisa Geraldine Puckle, of Marles-rd., Kensington, was granted a decree nisi on account of the cruelty and misconduct of her husband. There was no defence.

Mrs. Puckle said the marriage took place in 1918, and she went to live with her husband, Major Frederick Kaye Puckle, at Westminister.

In 1919 her husband was appointed to Mesopotamia. When he returned in 1921 she noticed a change in his demeanour.

He did not live with her, and she accused him of endeavouring to get him to return but without success. On June 18, 1922, she obtained a decree of restitution of conjugal rights against him. He never obeyed the order.

Evidence was given that Major Puckle and a woman stayed at a Paddington Hotel.

Two women rose in the body of Justice Horridge's Court, when the latter called out "Wright v. Wright," and entered the witness box together.

Hurried consultations between counsel and officials followed.

It was discovered that two women petitioners, one asking for a divorce, the other for a judicial separation, had entered the witness box together.

Ultimately counsel sorted out the puzzle of which was which, and one of the women left the other in undisturbed possession of the box.

"Now," said Justice Horridge, "we have got the right Mrs. Wright."

## THIRD MARRIAGE VENTURE.

### CROSS ACTIONS, NULLITY & DIVORCE CLAIMS

How a third matrimonial venture proved a failure after only a fortnight's happiness was described by Sir Henry Duke, the Divorce President, during the hearing of cross-actions for a decree of nullity and divorce brought by Mrs. Florence Rose Julia Taylor (otherwise Wood-head) and Mr. William Robert Taylor, of the Devonshire Arms, Denman-st., W. London.

The wife's petition for a decree of nullity was dealt with first.

Mrs. Taylor's counsel, Mr. Tyndale, said his client was about 38 years of age when she went through a ceremony of marriage in March, 1921, with Mr. Taylor, a man then about 58 years of age.

Mrs. Taylor, in her evidence, said she married Mr. Taylor, whom she had known many years, at Chelsea Registry Office in March, 1921. They had both been in the public-house trade.

**A FORMER LOVER.**  
Mr. Tyndale: Some years ago did you live with a certain gentleman?—I did.

Explaining how the marriage came about, Mrs. Taylor said that one day Mr. Taylor came to her flat in the Fulham-rd., West London, and proposed. After thinking the matter over for a time she accepted him.

For the honeymoon they went to the Queen's Hotel, Brighton, and on the way down Mr. Taylor told her he was afraid she would be disappointed.

Counsel: Did you understand what he meant?—No, I took it for a joke.

Mrs. Taylor further said that it was a marriage of convenience. There was little affection on either side. After he had failed to consummate the marriage, her husband attempted to come to a settlement with the remark: "Never mind, old girl. All I want is a pal—some one to tell my troubles to."

After a few days at Brighton, they went on to Folkestone, where Mr. Taylor commenced to refer to another woman he called "May."

Mr. Tyndale: Did he talk about



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